



# Determining Right and Wrong

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- By commandment

- *Galatians 5:19-22*

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, **that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**



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- *Eph. 4:25-31*

- Therefore, putting away lying...Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor...Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth...Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.



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- *Rom. 13:1-7*

- Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities...Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves...Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.



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- **By principles**
  - Not everything that is wrong is specifically condemned in the Bible.



# Will it Destroy My Body?

- *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

- Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.



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- *James 1:13-16*

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# Will It Destroy My Example?

- *1 Timothy 4:12*
  - Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.



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- *Matthew 5:13-16*
  - “You are the salt of the earth...
  - “You are the light of the world...
  - “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



# Will It Lead Others Into Sin?

- *Romans 14:13*
  - Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother's way.

# Will It Cause Me To Violate My Conscience?

- *Romans 14:23*

- But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does not eat* from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

# Would Jesus Do It?

- *1 Peter 2:21*

- For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps



# Principles that Should Guide Us

- ***Glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31)***
- ***Love (Matt. 22:37-38)***
- ***A sense of ought (Jas. 4:15)***
- ***Christians live on a higher plane (2 Cor. 5:17)***

