

GOOD, EVIL, AND GRATITUDE

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Week of Feb. 18, 2024

Beware of _____ (1)

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. What is Paul describing when he says that some will "fall away from the faith" (vs 1)? Verses like Acts 6:7, Colossians 1:21-23, Jude 1:3, and 1 John 18-19 may help.

3. Have you known anyone who became an apostate – one who formerly professed faith in the teachings of Scripture but who now rejects them? How did that relationship effect you?

Beware of _____ (2-3a)

4. Is it possible for sin to sear the conscience of a believer? Eph. 4:17-19 may help inform your answer.

5. How can one discern whether a teaching comes from "deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons" (vs 1)? Is there any benefit to deciphering potential demonic origins? See, too, James 3:13-18.

6. Do you see evidence of the false teachings mentioned in verse 3 in the world today? Explain.

Be grateful for God's _____ (3b-5)

7. In verse 3, Paul describes people forbidding the good things of God in a way that separates them away from Christ, while in Phil. 3:17-20 Paul describes people who indulge in the good things of God in a way that separates them from Christ. How can believers guard against going too far in either direction?

8. How would you respond to someone who read verse 4 and came to the conclusion that God must not exist, or must be cruel, because the world created by Him contains evil, pain, suffering, viciousness, etc.?

9. Can anything be "sanctified by the word of God and prayer" (vs 5), or was Paul referring to something specific?