

## **IS IT WRONG TO BE RIGHT?**

More and more our world is shunning the idea of absolute truth. The prevalence of humanism has led many to believe that man is god. This damnable doctrine has elevated man to a position only God should occupy. If each man is his own god, then who is to say that one's convictions are any better or worse than another's? With no God in the equation, no ultimate source of good or love or truth, who or what will determine what is right, or even if there is such thing as right or wrong? The preponderance of humanistic-influenced teachings has us to the point where we are afraid or unwilling to declare anything to be true or false, right or wrong, good or evil, bad or good, etc. Moral relativism is carrying the day, and many feel intimidated into thinking it is wrong to be right. Must we backpedal and apologize for upholding that there is a right and a wrong?

The humanistic philosophy is really nothing new. From time immemorial there have been those who have tried to alter or blur the line between good and evil. Isaiah had to deal with those of such mindset: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter" (Isa.5:20). This verse reminds us much of our own day and time. We live in the midst of a people who see abortion, euthanasia, homosexual unions, the profligacy of gambling, pornography, fornication, adultery, drug and alcohol usage, violence, etc., as accepted norms or prized forms of recreation. Increasingly, many within our society view religion and the expression of such as evil. We are being told that the "Christian right" is endangering our society by attempting to "force" godliness and righteousness upon others. Those who stand against ungodliness, perversion, and sin are looked upon as intolerant, uneducated, and bigoted. Perhaps this sort of thinking has plagued us for so long that even some who claim to follow Christ are bending under the pressure to conform to the world. Even among Christians there are those who would teach us situational ethics, or values clarification. Much like the people of Jeremiah's day, those of our society could be characterized in this fashion: "For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge" (Jer.4:22). Christians, it is high time that we have our "senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb.5:14).

I often remember the words of one of my instructors in preaching school: "It is always right to do right. It is always wrong to do wrong. It is never right to do wrong, and it is never wrong to do right." We must not allow the ignorant prating of "educated" fools to sway us into thinking that it is wrong to stand up for what is right. There is an absolute standard of truth and right which is never wrong. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Jesus said to those who considered themselves educated in the word of God and the ways of the world, "ye do err not knowing the scriptures"

(Matt.22:29). God's way is always right. Satan's way is always wrong. May we never be made to feel that we are the fool for holding firm to the word of God, and to His absolute standard of morality and godliness!

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