

GOOD AND EVIL

I believe that when Paul said, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Let us not become vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another." he actually meant; you who profess to be in the spirit let your works show that you are. In other words, the profession of being in the spirit must be followed by the walk which is the works.

To be, vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another is not bearing fruits of the spirit. If we are new creatures and are not of the flesh but of the spirit, then we will never live or display any of the above. What Paul was showing them was that what they professed was not what was being manifested in their works. Their lives were contrary to what they professed. And so by his statement, he sought to encourage them to search themselves and see their lack and need of real faith.

I have come to realize that there are no degrees of good or evil; there is either good or evil. There are degrees of the consequences; the out workings or effects of either. God is good and anything outside of HIM is evil there is no shade of gray. Whosoever hath not the spirit of Christ is not of Him and is evil. Jesus said. "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." Matt. 15:19.

If we have the righteousness of God through His Son Jesus, then the works and effects will be seen of men and they may glorify our Father in Heaven. This kind of righteousness comes by faith; complete trust and confidence in Him who is he author of righteousness.

God Bless!