Determining Right From Wrong

(Hebrews 5:11-14)

Introduction: 1. Knowing the difference between right and wrong is not a skill with which we are born.

- 2. It comes through training and discernment.
- 3. (Hebrews 5:9) Author of salvation to all who obey him.
- 4. While we are saved by grace, which makes provision for our imperfections, we must learn obedience if we desire to go to Heaven.
- 5. Let's examine five tests that will help us determine right from wrong.

I. The Proclamation Test

- A. If the Bible says it, accept it.
- B. (John 10:35).
- C. (Matthew 24:35).
- D. Situation ethics challenges the authority of God's word.

II. The Principle Test

- A. Is the matter forbidden by principle.
- B. The Old Testament contained 613 laws.
- C. The New Testament deals with principles.
- D. (Galatians 5:19-21).

III. The Presence Test

- A. Would you be ashamed to be found doing it when Jesus returned?
- B. (Philippians 1:20).

IV. The Peace Test

- A. Can you do this activity with a clear conscience.
- B. (Romans 14:23).

Conclusion:

- 1. It is time we settle ownership of our lives.
- 2. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
- 3. If your life belongs to Christ, then live as it belongs to him, and let him have his way with you.