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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16).

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Right And Wrong

"There is no right way to do a wrong thing." – Anonymous

"None but a fool is always right." – Hare

"My concern is not whether God is on our side; my great concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right." – Abraham Lincoln

"If it is not right, do not do it; if it is not true, do not say it." - Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

"Always do right – this will gratify some people and astonish the rest." – Mark Twain, message to Young People's Society, Greenpoint Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, New York, Feb. 16, 1901

The concept of right and wrong should be crystal clear, but the general trend today is to blur that line of distinction as much as possible. Today we might see a movie and leave wondering who was right and who was wrong?

O for the good old days, when the bad cowboy wore the black hat and the good cowboy the white hat. And just so you didn't get that line of distinction wrong, even the horses selected might well be black for the bad guy, and white for the good guy.

Even cartoons portrayed the idea of good and evil. For example, there was Dudley Do Right, who was a champion of good. And there was the evil villain Snidley Whiplash who was draped in black so that there could be no misunderstanding between the two.

Scripture paints the lines between good and evil with the terms *light* and *darkness*. In a word search, there are some 253 passages of Scripture that reference light. Some 161 verses reference *darkness*. Granted, not every use is understood in the context of good and evil, but so many of the references do that very thing. And of course there are numerous references to what is good (699) and to what is evil (482). But one thing stands clear, there is no gray line, there is no "in between" ground between good and evil. Jesus said, "He who is not with Me is against Me..." (Matt. 12:30).

The Lord had the perfect opportunity to reveal a middle ground if He had wanted to when He said, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" (Matt. 6:24).

O how difficult it is for our young people today. They are struggling to know what is right and what is wrong. And instead of a clear, definitive answer, they are told that right and wrong is left up to them.