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

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Evil

"You are not to do evil that good may come of it." – Law Maxim

"Thinking evil is much the same as doing it." – Greek Proverb

"No man is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency." – Theodore Roosevelt, *The Strenuous Life*

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isa. 5:20).

We are living in a scary time. This is the era where it sounds like Isaiah's prophecy was written for it. You would have to close your eyes, and avoid any kind of media outlet to not see it. Christianity and morality are being cast as evil and immoral and all kinds of debauchery are receiving cheers.

Who would have thought that you would be insulted and threatened for taking a stand on homosexuality? The apostle Paul writes, "For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due" (Rom. 1:26-27). Paul even addressed those at Corinth who used to be homosexuals, and plainly said, "And such were some of you. But you were washed..." (1 Cor. 6:9-11). God condemned homosexuality and if you do the same you are homophobic, a person who has an irrational fear of homosexuals. Hence if you condemn such a lifestyle you are evil, and those who condone it are good.

If you stand in opposition to abortion, you are evil in society's eyes. How dare you interfere with "a woman's right to choose." Choose? What is the choice? To let the child live or commit murder! The attempt is made to soften the blow by referring to the unborn as a fetus. It makes it sound like it is nothing more than a hunk of tissue. Who is man to play God? Who is man to assume that God does not honor the unborn? Did God not reveal to the prophet Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations" (Jer. 1:5).

Evil is indeed a great threat, and the devil has blinded the minds of so many to the truth (2 Cor. 4:4).