

Subject: Things I See Nothing Wrong With"
(Man's understanding)

Scriptural Text (Proverbs 16:25)

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Definitions:

- **Thing** – something (such as an activity) that makes a strong appeal to the individual
- **See (spiritually)** – to find acceptable or attractive
- **Wrong** – unrighteous; wicked; contrary to the will of God

Introduction: Satan "saw nothing wrong" with challenging God, Adam and Eve "saw nothing wrong" with eating from the forbidden tree and Moscs "saw nothing wrong" with not circumcising his son on the eighth day! We have numerous biblical examples of "things people saw nothing wrong with", and the consequences of their actions.

Don't be deceived, when it's against the will of God it's sin and although sin is pleasurable at first, it's ending can be spiritually deadly! We can't direct our own steps, we need God's Word to point out and correct "Things I See Nothing Wrong With". Remember, you have influence so, don't be a stumbling block to others!

1. Not Committing to a Congregation (Hebrews 13:17)

Remember, Christ is the head and each congregation is autonomous, which is "state of being self-governing".

- a. Meeting days and times are established at each congregation by those in authority, how can a member violate the following scriptures? *Hebrews 13:17 (obey those...), 1 Thess 5:12 – 14*

Does visiting another local congregation violate scripture, explain?

- b. Why did First Century Christians visit another Church / congregation *Acts 11:19 – 30, 16:1 – 15; Romans 15:25, 26*? Compare the purpose of your visit to theirs.

- c. Is "**split**" membership biblical, (If so give book, chapter and verse) does it contradict God's principle of "decently and in order", explain?

Take heed, if you still see nothing wrong with "split membership" or non – commitment to a local congregation!

2. Not Assembling Ourselves Together (Hebrews 10:25)

Gleaning nuggets from Hebrews 10:23 – 25 for an in-depth self-examination!

- a. **Vs 23** - Discuss and describe the "profession" of one's faith
Hebrews 3:6, 4:14

- b. **Vs 24** - Christians assembly to worship God, learn of God and for mutual edification, If you're absent how can this be accomplished?
- c. **Vs 25** – Assembling is beneficial and it's a privilege! *Discuss the benefits and privilege.*

Take heed, if you still see nothing wrong with "forsaking the assembling"!

3. Practicing Fornication / Other Sex Sins (*Acts 15:20*)

- a. **"Although single I still have needs and abstinence is too hard"**
1 Corinthians 6:13 – 20 (fornication defiles the Lord's body and the individual's!) 1 Thessalonians 4:1 – 5 (sanctification)
- b. **Fornication is sin ...**, Explain sin as transgression of the law (1 John 3:4); fornicators change the **intent of sex** (perversion) – 1 Corinthians 7:1, 2
- c. **"I'm attracted to someone other than my spouse"** *Proverbs 7:27 – 35 (warning against adultery); 1 Corinthians 7:3 – 5 (due benevolence) Colossians 3:18, 19 (marriage duties) God does not allow a "hall pass" in marriage!*
- d. **"I enjoy looking and ain't nothing wrong with it"** *Matthew 5:27, 28 (sin begins in the mind); James 1:14, 15 (lust → temptation → sin → Death!); 1 John 2:16 (lust of the eyes). Remember, sowing to the flesh will reap corruption 2 Peter Chp 2, Galatians 6:8.*

Take heed, if you still see nothing wrong with "Sexual Sin"!

4. Not Participating in Communion (*1 Corinthians 11:24 - 26*)

- a. **Why are Christians commanded to take the Lord's Supper?** To proclaim Jesus' death, failure to partake is to deny Jesus before man (*Matthew 10:32, 33*). To remember the forgiveness accomplished at the cross (*Ephesians 1:3 – 14*)
- b. **"I don't because I'm in Sin / I feel unworthy"** repent and stop stacking sin on top of sin! *Proverbs 28:13; Luke 13:3; Revelation 3:19*
- c. **Overcoming guilt to get to forgiveness** - takes "forgetting things behind and reaching forth" (*Philippians 3:2*). The past cannot be changed don't let it hold you! Whom the Lord has set free he is free Indeed (*John 8:36*)

Take heed, if you still see nothing wrong with "not taking communion"!

5. Food for thought, do you really see nothing wrong with....

- a. **Dating / Marrying a Non-Believer?**
- b. **Eating and Drinking in the Sanctuary (NLV Congregation)?**
- c. **Kid Sports that interfere with Bible Class / Worship Service?**
- d. **Late to Bible Class / Worship Service?**
- e. **Lying to children about Santa Clause, Tooth Fairy, etc.?**