

## Contrast

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### Introduction

1. Matthew 5:22, 28, 32, 34, 37, 39, 44
2. There are many contrast in the world as well as in the Bible
3. In the spiritual world
  - a. "I know what the Bible says but..." is the way some used it
  - b. Jesus used it to contrast what they were taught and believed with what God truly wants
  - c. The Holy Spirit lead others to use this idea of contrast between different ideas to point to how we ought to be living.
  - d. Let us notice just a few of these contrast and learn from them.

### II Discussion

- a. Contrast between coldness and compassion Luke 10:30-35
  - b. There was a certain man verse 30 He was beaten up, passed up and then picked up
  - c. By chance there came a priest verse 31
  - d. There was curiosity verse 32
  - e. There is the contrast verse 33
    - i. Three rules of life are demonstrated in this parable, Iron rule, what thine is mine and I will take it; Silver rule, what thine is thine and what mine is mine; Golden rule, what is mine is thine
    - ii. Which rule do you follow?
  - f. There was compassion verse 33
- g. Contrast between sincerity and hypocrisy Acts 4:36 -5:6
  - h. Barnabas gave all of the money from the sale of his land Acts 4:37
    - i. It was an act of unselfishness to support the poor
    - ii. We are to help the poor James 1:27; Ephesians 4:28
  - i. Ananias and Sapphira also sold a possession
    - i. They kept back part of the money but saying they were giving all of it
    - ii. They lied to the Holy Ghost
    - iii. They lied to God
  - j. Covetousness is idolatry Colossians 3:5; Exodus 20:17; Luke 12:15
- k. Contrast between workers Acts 8:40-9:2 ASV has the contrast "but"
  - l. Philip was preaching
    - i. Christ Verse 5-6
    - ii. Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ 12
    - iii. The word of the Lord 25
    - iv. Began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus 35
    - v. He was preaching in all the cities 40
  - m. Saul by contrast was harming the church
    - i. Was breathing out threatenings and slaughters against the disciples of the Lord verse 1
    - ii. He was trying find any of "this Way" whether men or women.
    - iii. He would bring the bound to Jerusalem
  - n. Which one of these men represents you?
- o. Contrast between suspicion and confidence Acts 9:26-27
  - p. Saul and what he had done, but he had been converted – he was a new man 2 Corinthians 5:17
  - q. Many had a hard time accepting this fact
  - r. Contrast with Barnabas again, He took him
    - i. Testifying to his change

- ii. Brought him to the apostles
- iii. Preached boldly in the name of Jesus at Damascus
- iv. Contrast between saint and sinner 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
  - s. A list of sins that they had committed, which are still being committed today
  - t. But ye are washed Acts 22:16; sanctified Ephesians 5:26; Justified Romans 5:1
  - u. They could now inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Peter 1:4
- v. Contrast between works of flesh and fruit of spirit Galatians 5:19-23
  - w. The works of the flesh are manifest, made know by how a person lives
  - x. Those who are doing this kind of work will not inherit the kingdom of God
  - y. The fruit of the Spirit there is no law against. Have all you want
  - z. Which one represents your life?
- aa. Contrast between Heaven and hell Revelation 21:4-8
  - bb. A description of how we will be in heaven verses 4-7
  - cc. Contrast in verse 8 shows where these who live this way will be
  - dd. Which one represents the way you live?

### III Conclusion

- a. There is the contrast between good and evil
- b. Some can be evil while thinking themselves good. The correct standard is not them but God 2 Corinthians 10:12
- c. Let us make sure we are the contrast of evil, by know what God wants

Sources: Minister's Monthly April 1959 Frank Cox; Sermon outlines on the parables by Gaddys Roy; Concordance and Strong's