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“Differentiate” (2)

*“I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who lacked judgment.”
(Proverbs 7:7)*

*“But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by
constant practice to distinguish good from evil.” (Hebrews 5:14)*

5/1/16 – Liberty & Life, Physical & Spiritual Health, Control & Concession

Temporary & Eternal

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 – (16) “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. (17) For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, (18) as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

Mark 8:35-36 – (35) “For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it. (36) For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (KJV)

The Fast Track & the Faith Trek

Genesis 3:5-6 – (5) “‘For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ (6) So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”

Luke 4:5-8 – (5) “And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, (6) and said to him, ‘To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. (7) If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ (8) And Jesus answered

him, 'It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'”

God's Kindness & Severity

Exodus 34:5-7 – (5) “The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. (6) The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, (7) keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.’”

Romans 11:22 – “Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.”

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Questions to Ponder:

- (1) Am I willing to practice differentiation? (Heb. 5:14)
- (2) Do I focus more on the temporary at the expense of the eternal?
- (3) Do I lean more towards quick/fast options?
- (4) Do I focus more on the kindness of God at the expense of His severity?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)