

The Difference Between Good People & Bad People

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“Better is the poor man who walks in simplicity than the one who perverts speech and is [thus] a fool.” Proverbs 19:1

How much money is peace of mind worth? How much will rich people spend to acquire peace of mind and still never achieve it? Peace of mind can never be bought with money! Anyone who challenges this is most likely being both deceptive and a fool. It is one thing to lie to others. It is even worse to lie to oneself.

In societies throughout time and around the world there has always been a class of people who seek financial wealth and all the powers that are assumed to come with it. They strive, cheat and steal to get to the top. Then once at the top, they continue to do whatever is necessary, even to lie, cheat and steal some more in order to stay there. While there are moral and proper people who have acquired their wealth in honest and righteous ways, it is the immoral and unrighteous rich, who have essentially stolen to gain their wealth, that give all the wealthy a bad name.

The wealthy who have properly and morally earned their wealth are entitled to every bit of it and should not be confused with those whose who lack morality. Yet, we do lump together the good with the bad. This is an unfortunate human shortcoming. Yet, there is one thing that those who have acquired their wealth through righteous, proper and moral hard work share with those less financially fortunate than themselves. Those who are moral and proper find it easy to have peace of mind and enjoy the company of like-minded moral folks, regardless of their level of financial accomplishments.

Essentially good people are good people and they enjoy the company of other good people. The same is true with bad people. Bad people enjoy the company of their own and shun anyone different from themselves. Bad people love to make walls of division to separate themselves from those they deem to be inferior. Essentially bad people spend their lives and much of their fortunes building walls, in the vain hope of protecting themselves from those who they shun. With all this fear and apprehension, bad people never have peace of mind and no amount of money can buy enough security and walls to keep bad people safe.

Essentially, the greatest enemy bad people face is none other than themselves. As such they cannot separate from and be protected from the evil that seeks their doom. For that evil is inside them, it resides close to their very core. And unless they are willing to fundamentally restructure the way they think and the way they do business, bad people will always come to a bad end. There simply just is no way to avoid this truth.

Bad people are easily distinguished from good people. Bad people always do a good deal of talking. Good people talk little. Bad people talk a lot and do little. Good people talk little and do a lot. Bad people like to complicate matters. Good people like to simplify things. Bad people confuse others with their double-talk. Good people make things clear with simple, plain talk. Yes, it is rather easy to distinguish between good and bad people. To state it simply, good people do good things, bad people do not! Bad people talk a good game. Good people don't play games, they are serious.

Self deception is one of the greatest illnesses. Deceiving others is equally prevalent and lethal. Being honest with oneself is a great tool to heal any disease. Being equally honest with others makes one an object of respect. Bad people lie first to themselves and then others. Good people tell the truth first to others and then to themselves.

The only gain that good people seek is that which is right, proper and good. Good people are not primarily interested in power and wealth. Although good people do not mind power and wealth and do not shirk any responsibility incurred thereby, nevertheless, these are not things that they place first and foremost.

Bad people, on the other hand, always seek to aggrandize themselves. Bad people want themselves to always be on top and for everyone else to always be on the bottom. Bad people use every trick imaginable to accomplish this goal of placing themselves on top of everything and everybody else on the bottom beneath them. For bad people it is equally important that they put down others as it is to raise themselves up.

Bad people love to lie. Bad people not only like to say false things, they especially like to believe false things. More than this, bad people take extra pride into getting others to believe false things as well. Knowing that others are under the spell of false beliefs, bad people manipulate them into doing their bidding. False words and false beliefs lead to false guidance. False guidance leads to evil deeds. Evil deeds leads to disaster for everybody. When disaster strikes, bad people take advantage of the moment to move themselves into positions of power and everyone else into positions of slavery.

Bad people are that manipulative! Their only concern is themselves and what they believe they will gain. Everything else in their eyes is just tools to be used to accomplish their goals. For bad people, other people are disposable. Bad people use other people, extract from them what they want and then throw them away as discarded trash. Many who have experienced this are so hurt by the experience that they too become bad people. They become bad to protect themselves from being used like trash again. Once they have made this turn towards evil, they are intoxicated with the power and in turn become worse than those who preceded them. This is how evil proliferates.

As children, we learned a great lesson. One cannot play with fire without being burned. We learn that one cannot interact with bad people without being victimized by them. Good people are always targets of attack by bad people. Bad people take special pride in attacking good people. Good people are therefore always under fire and are being tempted to sacrifice their good behavior. Yet, what makes a good person good is that he/she does

not succumb to such plots and manipulations. Good people remain good by remaining simple, straightforward and righteous.

Good people do not always turn the other cheek. Sometimes it is right to both break the arms and legs of those who attack us. Yet, if good people retaliate against bad people for attacks made on them, they do not do so with evil in mind. Good people simply are not evil. Even when defending themselves, good people act with righteousness and never turn to evil.

Good people do not entertain evil thoughts or evil ideas. Good people do not allow themselves to become confused when defending themselves against evil. Good people simply do what simplicity demands of them and then stops right there. Good people know limits. Good people may fight to keep themselves from being oppressed and repressed by bad people, but good people don't seek to oppress or repress in return. To do so is not good.

Good people may be poor, but their goodness is their wealth. Bad people may rich, but their wealth is their foolishness. Money is not wealth. Plenty of good people have lots of money, plenty of bad people do not. Money does not make one either good or bad. How one uses their money is another story.

The good use their money for good, whereas the bad use their money for evil. So, don't condemn the rich, and do not seek to appropriate their wealth. Appropriations are the way evil people seek to aggrandize themselves. Stealing from the rich to give to the poor is still theft. Theft can never be good, however bad people want to twist words to justify it.

Simply put, good people do good. Bad people do bad. It should not be hard to see the difference. All we have to do is to be honest with ourselves. Simplicity is the path to honesty. Beware of bad people, they will try to confuse you into believing all kinds of complicated things. Stay simple and stay honest. In this there is safety and security.

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