

# How to Treat Doubtful Things

by John Hames

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of giving God the benefit of every doubtful thing and refraining from practices that are not clearly right or wrong.*

**Scripture:** Exodus 23:2

**Topics:** "Christian Living", "Spiritual Warfare"

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## Description

John Hames emphasizes the importance of avoiding doubtful practices and conduct, as they can lead to sin and separation from God. He warns against engaging in activities or going to places that raise uncertainties about their alignment with Christian values, urging believers to seek guidance from experienced Christians and to always give God the benefit of the doubt. Hames highlights the subtle ways in which Satan can lead believers astray through seemingly harmless actions, ultimately causing them to drift away from their faith.

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## Transcript

"And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Rom. 14:23)

The devil is aware of the fact that it would be no easy matter to induce a newly converted soul to commit a gross sin, therefore, he has a more unique way of getting him into darkness; that way is getting him to tamper with doubtful things; things which he is not sure are right or wrong; practices which he is not certain that Jesus would do, going to places where he is a little doubtful as to whether Jesus would go, and using words in conversation that he is not sure Jesus would use. It is to be remembered, Reader, that you must always give God the benefit of every doubtful thing.

Never do anything that you are not sure is right. If you have doubts about it being the proper thing for a Christian to do or the right kind of a place for a Christian to go, ask some more experienced, spirit-filled Christian about it. If at any time there arises a doubt in your mind concerning anything that you are engaged in, you are to refrain from doing that thing until the doubt is removed and you are as clear as heaven. For to do otherwise would bring condemnation and make you a sinner before God.

Sometimes Satan tries to rush us into doubtful practices simply because they are popular and other church members and preachers are engaged in it. But this is no excuse, for the Word says: "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Exod. 23:2).

There are hundreds of precious souls back in sin today who were once bright and shining lights. They did not get there through lying, stealing, dancing and card-playing, but through the small doorway of "doubtful conduct."

"O soul, dwell deep in God; there's danger,

For subtle foes around thee lie;

To Satan's wiles thou art no stranger;

Hide in thy secret place so nigh."

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