

Bible Study
What does it mean to be contrary?

Dictionary definitions:

Contrariness: deliberate and stubborn unruliness and resistance to guidance or discipline.

Contrary: very opposed in nature or character or purpose.

Now understanding the meaning from a worldly point of view, let's look at what scripture has to say about it.

Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil, that put darkness for light and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

Malachi 3:15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt Elohim are *even* delivered.

Many times in our various cultures, we are used to referring to anything that we truly admire by a negative adjective. E.g. mad, wicked, bad, crazy, ugly, awesome etc. This is why the bible speaks expressly about idle jesting, Yahuah is against idle jesting, because a joke that becomes regular will develop into a habit and even a mindset, which is where we have this speech impairment today. Instead of saying to someone -as a compliment- "that was so good!" We say, "that was wicked!" This is a lie and not acceptable to Elohim, he is the spirit of TRUTH, so his children cannot be the opposite.

In the next verse, it speaks of contrary believers and false prophets:

Isaiah 30:1 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the ADON, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

Luke 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Ezekiel 16:34 And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

These are self explanatory, but for clarity purposes, let me elaborate: The bible says that in the last days, mankind will longer endure sound doctrine, but go seek their own teachers. These speak to the unrepentant and also the ministers who teach for only man's applause and not truth (**Luke 16:15**). In Ezekiel, it points out how foolish we really are, both the unbelieving

congregation and false prophets, who follow the world's practices, but no one comes out of the world to follow the church. What are we then compromising for? The church is under the misconception that if they lower their standard that they will save more people (or attract more people), the only thing it does, is endanger the true believers, while turning the church into an amusement park. Matthew 23:15, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte (convert) and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." Strong words of rebuke from Yahusha himself about our faulty practices.

There are penalties to behaving in this manner. Yahuah does not force a man to repent, but if a man says he will, he must keep his end of the bargain. The next couple of verses talk about the penalties of perverting the belief.

Leviticus 26:21 And if ye walk contrary unto me and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

Leviticus 26:27-28 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;
Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

Yahuah warns us against contrariness, we have a punishment to receive, along with others if we still don't repent. The punishments are not the end though, there is way out:

Leviticus 26:40-42 If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

However, if we as baptized believers continue to act contrary as unbelievers, then the true believers are instructed to not keep company with them, **1 Corinthians 5:11-15**.

Romans 16:17, Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned and avoid them.

2 Peter 2:20-22, For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Adon and Saviour Yahusha Ha'mashiach they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have

known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

2 Timothy 2:23-26, But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Adon must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing **those that oppose themselves**; if Elohim peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

So, do what you say and say what you mean, anything else is evil.

Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.