

## Wicked

Part 3: "A Lesser Evil?"

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## IF I WANT TO START CALLING OUT EVIL FOR WHAT IT REALLY IS, I NEED TO ...

1.	BE ABOUT WHERE IT
	"He went on to say, 'What comes out of a person is what makes them 'unclean.' Evil thoughts come from the inside, from a person's heart. So do sexual sins, stealing and murder. Adultery, greed, hate and cheating come from a person's heart too. So do desires that are not pure, and wanting what belongs to others. And so do telling lies about others and being proud and being foolish. All these evil things come from inside a person and make them 'unclean.'"
2.	THAT I ALMOST NEVER
	WHAT IS
	"You belong to your father, the Devil, and you want to do the things that he wants. From the beginning he has been someone who murders

beginning, he has been someone who murders people. He refuses to accept the truth,

because there is <u>nothing true</u> in him. When <u>he</u> <u>tells lies</u>, he is showing what he is really like. He <u>always tells lies</u>. He is the <u>father of all lies</u>." **John 8:44** (EASY)

"Those people are false apostles. They do not work in an honest way. They try to make people think that Christ has sent them as his apostles. That should not surprise you! Even Satan can change himself to look like an angel who belongs to the light. So do not be surprised when Satan's servants do the same thing. They can also seem to be serving God. They may seem to be doing good things, but really what they do is bad. So God will punish them in the end."

**2 Corinthians 11:13-15** (EASY)

"The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve."

**Jeremiah 17:9-10** (NLT)

3.	FIGHT	THE	THINGS	

INSTEAD OF THINGS	
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"They are full of every kind of sin, evil and ungodliness. They want more than they need. They commit murder. They want what belongs to other people. They fight and cheat. They hate others. They say mean things about other people."

**Romans 1:29** (NIRV)

"There are six things that the Lord hates, or even seven things: Eyes that show how proud a person is. A mouth that speaks lies. Hands that kill people who have done nothing wrong. A mind that chooses to do wicked things. Feet that hurry to do evil things. A person who tells lies in court. A person who causes trouble in a family."

**Proverbs 6:16-19** (EASY)

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"Then the king will say to the evil people on his left, 'Get away from me. God has already decided that you will be punished. Go into the fire that burns forever—the fire that was prepared for the devil and his angels. You must go away because when I was hungry, you gave me nothing to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me nothing to drink. When I had no place to stay, you did not welcome me into your home. When I was without clothes, you gave me nothing to wear. When I was sick and in prison, you did not care for me."

**Matthew 25:41-43** (ERV)

•	 Others.

"You may think you can condemn such people, but <u>you are just as bad</u>, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are <u>condemning</u> yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things."

Romans 2:1 (NLT)

•	Do
	"What you think is the right road may lead to death."
	Proverbs 14:12 (GNT)
•	Do
	"As it is, you are full of your grandiose selves.  All such vaunting self-importance is evil. In fact, if you know the right thing to do and don't do it, that, for you, is evil."

**James 4:16-17** (MSG)