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I Hear Voices

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From the beginning of time, mankind has been subjected to opposing voices. In the Garden of Eden, God told Adam that in the day he ate of the “Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil” he would surely die. However, Eve heard an opposing voice from Satan which said, “You shall not surely die” (Genesis 3:4). From that time in the beginning until today, we continue to hear opposing voices.

Just today I heard Donald Trump offer advice to Tiger Woods on national television. As I’m sure you know, Tiger has made some poor decisions that has hurt his family and himself. From what I know, Tiger realizes his mistakes and has spent the past few months trying to mend them. However, Trump offered the following advice, he said...” I would recommend Tiger just call it a bad experience, say bye-bye, go out, be a wonderful playboy, win tournaments and have a good life.”

Talk about opposing voices! How can anyone’s vision be so skewed? I, for one, hope Tiger doesn’t listen to that voice, and how foolish would he be if he did? No more foolish than Eve when she listened to Satan rather than God. And no more foolish than when we listen to voices that tell us to do, act, speak, and think in ways that contradict the voice of God.

Too me, Trump’s advice was shocking, but upon reflection, it’s no more shocking than the voices we have all been guilty of listening to, which caused us to discard the voice of God. Following any voice which contradicts the voice of God is foolish and shortsighted. Do you hear voices? If so, to whose voice are you listening?

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