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“Plausible deniability” describes a situation in which someone actively avoids gaining certain knowledge of facts they suspect to exist because it benefits them to “not know.” In legal matters, lawyers may use this tactic to get around ethics violations. In politics, officials may use this to avoid being connected to some operation they support, and in your house a child may use it to get out of trouble they brought on themselves – “But I didn’t *know*!”

The truth of the matter is that we usually *do* know when something we’re thinking about or planning is wrong before we even do it. God’s Word tells us that the Holy Spirit points out sin, and that He guides His children in all truth (John 15:8,13). To not submit a great matter to counsel in fear that godly counsel would be against it is to act a fool and partner with deception. That is a hair’s breadth away from saying “I know this is wrong, but I’m doing it anyway.” And *that* is a dangerous place to be.

*Prayer for Today*

God, I want to please You, Sir. Sometimes it’s a real struggle to reconcile my plans with what I think You want. Please speak clearly to me and change my heart so that I want what You want. Please continue to build Your character in me, and show me how to partner with You and give me good and godly counselors.

*Scriptures for Today*

Proverbs 18:1 A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment. (NKJV)

John 3:20-21 They (sinners) hate the light because they want to sin in the darkness. They stay away from the light for fear their sins will be exposed and they will be punished. But those who do what is right come to the light gladly, so everyone can see that they are doing what God wants. (NLT)