



Summer of Lies – How Lies are Told to Us
Week 16 Lied To By: The World

- LIE#1:** God uses shame to correct me and change me.
 - LIE#2:** God is not concerned with my everyday life, only the things I do for Him.
 - LIE#3:** Women are not Created to be Leaders
 - LIE#4:** You MUST be Married to Please God
 - LIE#5:** All I Need is God, Who Needs Friends.
 - LIE#6:** God Doesn't Speak to People Today. It was just for Biblical Times.
 - LIE#7:** A Man is the Priest of His Home and a Covering for His Family. All a Woman needs to do is be Submissive.
 - LIE#8:** God is angry.
 - LIE#9:** I Have to Earn God's Love
 - LIE#10:** God Hates Divorced People
 - LIE#11:** God Doesn't Care What I Do With My Money
 - LIE#12;** If God is all powerful, why do bad things happen?
 - LIEW#13:** I Need Jesus. But....
 - LIEW#14:** How Lies are Told to Us: LIED to by: The Devil
- It is our perception of love that causes us to disbelieve God's love for us...**
 The sin underneath all our sins is to trust the lie of the serpent that we cannot trust the love and grace of Christ and must take matters into our own hands.—**Martin Luther**

8/31st
 Week #16 Summer of Lies Series: How Lies are Told to Us
Rewards: When the Concept of Godly Rewards Gets Twisted.
 Join the Wednesday Night Crew along with Pastor Orleen, Pastor Robin and Michelle Ingram in the auditorium at 6:30PM to face this lie and find His truth.
1cor 9:24-25
 Imperishable crown. The concept of rewards at the end of this journey I woven throughout Scripture

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SL#2

1 John 2:21

I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

I. When the World Lies...

- When do I pay attention to Worldly ideas
- How do I hear about them
- Where are they broadcast in my world
- Do I know how I react to something that is not true
- Do I know how I react to something that is almost true
- Am I a person who will not accept a publicly promoted lie (in public? in private?)

SL#3

Romans 1:24-25

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

This is how Scripture outlines it: Unclean. Lust. Dishonor. HUMANITY. FLESH.

SL#4

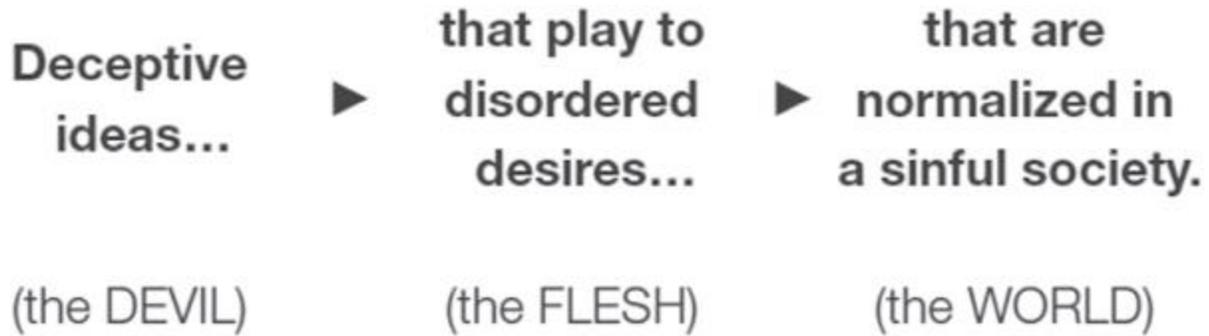
I. DESERVE.MORE.



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“Three enemies of the soul: The world. The flesh. The Devil.”
 (“Live no lies” John Mark Comer. Waterbrook press)

SL#5



1. Our first enemy is the devil - he traffics in deceptive ideas.
2. Our second enemy is our Flesh. How hungry it is for elevation and satisfaction.
3. Our third enemy is the World. Who hates the insinuation that it has gotten it wrong.

SL#6

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

SL#7

2 Timothy 3:1-5

*But know this, that in the last days ¹perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, ⁴unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ **having a form of godliness but denying its power.** And from such people turn away!*

II. Mixing “Almost” with the Ten **Commandments** Exercise:

Exodus 20:1-21

And God spoke all these words, saying:

² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

SL#8

1. ³ “You shall have no other gods before Me.
 You must have no other gods before me.
Well, what does it mean to “have a god”? God is a part of my life! I honor Him.



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2. ⁴ *“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

Do not make an idol for yourself.

Where do I spend my time? My talent? My money?

3. ⁷ *“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.*

Do not use the LORD your God’s name as if it were of no significance; the LORD won’t forgive anyone who uses His name that way.

God doesn’t care about everyday stuff like this. Oh, JC, don’t be so picky!

SL#9

4. ⁸ *“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.*

Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy.

It is a day of rest, so that is what I do – rest.

5. ¹² *“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.*

Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Honor...what if they do not deserve it? Can you honor from afar?

SL#10

6. ¹³ *“You shall not murder.* Do not kill. **But it does not say I cannot hate them.**
7. ¹⁴ *“You shall not commit adultery.* Do not commit adultery. **But...porn is ok.**
8. ¹⁵ *“You shall not steal.* Do not steal. **But I can use your Netflix, right?**
9. ¹⁶ *“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*



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Do not testify falsely against your neighbor. **Gossip is not testifying.**

SL#11

10. ¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Do not desire and try to take your neighbor’s house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor. **Want, crave, ENVY looks like...it is part of every sin.**

¹⁸ Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. ¹⁹ Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”

²⁰ And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.”

SL#12

²¹ So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.
 The people stood at a distance while Moses approached the thick darkness in which God was present.

e.g. Define Stealing:

Taking something that is not yours

- Take someone’s car
- To swipe someone’s phone
- To use someone’s Netflix account

e.g. Define Murder:

The taking of a person’s life.

- War
- Killing
- Abortion

What are the ramifications of “taking a stand” against what the World says is okay, fine, or even good?

“Who are you to judge us!?!?”

What is the reply to this?

Where you can live out your faith but still love the person who chooses differently?



III. FINDING our response

SL#13

Philippians 4:8-9

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. ⁹ The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

SL#14

Prayer:

Reading Scripture:

Fasting: Denying what our flesh wants to focus on the LORD (reading scripture, prayer).

Community: Be in the one you want to be like. No one can ‘give’ you community. It is earned. You must participate. Give as well as take. Contribute as well as receive.

Remember, Jesus’ intercession for us:

SL#15

John 17:15-18

¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You **should keep them from the evil one.** ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁷ **Sanctify them by Your truth.** Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

He is still interceding for us:

SL#16

Hebrews 8:1-6

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: **We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,** ² a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore, it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. ⁴ For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; ⁵ who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, “See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.” ⁶ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

Psalm 110:1 The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1

Remember, Holy Spirit is interceding for us:

SL#17

Romans 8:26-27

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.



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IV. INTERVIEW:

When you review your growing up years, what were your highlights?

What things did you enjoy doing as a kid?

How old were you when you discovered that Jesus was real?

How did your relationship with Christ grow from there?

What was your relationship with your family growing up?

How old were you when you began your questioning of your gender?

Can you outline the progression of where/when it began:

Then, how it developed:

To where you began transitioning:

How did your love for Christ adjust to this part of your life's journey?

Can you pinpoint the turning point(s) where you put the process the World says to follow over that of what you knew (thought you knew) of what the Bible said?

What were the indicators that this answer was not what you thought it was?

How long did it take for this to show up in the process?

How did you proceed when you began to discover the answer you thought was real was not?

SL#18

Knowledge is not the same thing as intelligence, which is still not the same thing as wisdom.

2 Timothy 3:7

*always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the **truth**.*

SL#19

John 8:32

*And you shall **know the truth**, and the truth shall make you free."*

And you shall know the TRUTH

And HE shall make you free.



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His lies aren't random: they play to some deep fissure in the human heart that is bent in the wrong direction: "Porn is a normal and healthy part of growing up, and sexual exploration is key to living a satisfying, happy life."

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Evagrius Ponticus 4th Century

Evagrius generated the most sophisticated demonology in all of ancient Christianity.

And the most surprising feature of Evagrius's paradigm is his claim that the fight against demonic temptation is a fight against what he called *logismoi* {pronounced, lo-gee-smee}

—a Greek word that can be translated as “thoughts,” “thought patterns,” your “internal narratives,” or “internal belief structures.”

They are the **content of our thought lives** and the mental markers by which we navigate life.

For Evagrius, these logismoi weren't *just* thoughts; they were thoughts with a malignant will behind them, a dark, animating force of evil.¹

- When is the last time I can spot a lie the enemy has slathered over me?
- What are my “flags” that tell me I know this is a lie? (it's gotta go well beyond feeling)
- Am I stuck in a self-defeating cycle?
- Am I playing tug-of-war with worldly desire?
- Is my mind just tired?
- Is overwhelmed a normal state of being for me?
- How comfortable am I within the structures of this world's attitude, point of view, mindset?

The biggest lie we can swallow is that there is no demonic entity that is at war with humanity. {The exploitation and torture of children. Even the animal population does not torture nor exploit their young.}

Evagrius: His handbook had five hundred entries; yours can have five.

- Turn Your Back to Them * “This is a lie!”
- When the lies come, don't open a dialogue with them.
- Just “change the channel” to truth. **Resist by redirection.**
- Evagrius and the ancients called this *antirrhesis*, or “countertalking.”

Comer, J. M. (2021). [Live no lies: recognize and resist the three enemies that sabotage your peace](#). Form.

Prayer Works: (invite Michelle up to direct with me)

- Obsessive Thought
- Toxic Sensations

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- Overwhelming Feelings: Overwhelming Emotion(s)

What’s the reoccurring thought, feeling, and/or sensation?

That this mouse will harm me.

What’s the lie beneath the thought, feeling, and/or sensation that reveals your attachment/connection with it?

I AM NOT SAFE. That the mouse is more crafty and more dangerous than a human.

What’s the truth?

Isaiah 49:15-16a

*“Can a woman forget her nursing child,
 And not have compassion on the son of her womb?
 Surely they may forget,
 Yet I will not forget you.
¹⁶ See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands;*

What’s the reoccurring thought, feeling, and/or sensation?

What’s the lie beneath the thought, feeling, and/or sensation that reveals your attachment?

What’s the truth?

Proverbs 16:6 In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the Lord *one* departs from evil.

John 16:13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

1 John 2:21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

1 John 4:6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

1 John 5:6 And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.

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John 8:32

*And you shall **know the truth**, and the truth shall make you free.”*

And you shall know the TRUTH
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2 Thes 3:3



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³ But [Ⓜ]the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and [Ⓜ]guard *you* from the evil one.

Lied to by the Devil:

I. **LIE (Deceptive Idea) : Man’s Wisdom Knows No Boundaries**

A. **Tower of Babel** – **Genesis 11:1-9** Genesis 1:28; Genesis 9:1

B. **Titanic** – They do not need life boats for all on board as this ship will never sink.

TRUTH: “Man Cannot Acclaim the Authority of God.”

C. **Bolstering the Lie: The Worship of Intelligentsia**

Process: SHIFT the influence of belief in Christ.

SHIFT: Identify the Catalysts. Gather the Leaders. Declare a Decision. Engage a Group. Implement.

#1. MOVE them from the majority to the minority.

#2. SHIFT their place in culture from a place of honor to a place of shame.

#3. LABEL them to promote widespread tolerance to a rising hostility.

LIE: We are smarter than our ancestors.

- **Chronological snobbery**

LIE: There is no moral truth. Only Relativism (what works for you)

With all our education, advancements in science, worldwide community, exploding technology...why can't we make headway in fixing society's problems?

II. **Living Lie Ready**

Closing:

- **Flynn Effect** – “now we know better”

James Flynn, a psychologist from New Zealand’s University of Otago, asserted that IQ tests have been on the rise in Western industrialized countries since the 1950s by a growth curve of about three points per decade. **His original thesis: we’re smarter than our grandparents.**

b. **but knowledge is not the same thing as intelligence, which is still not the same thing as wisdom.**

2 Timothy 3:7

always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

[Is Jesus smarter than Stephen Hawking? Jeff Bezos? XXX?]

NOTES:

OF THE FLESH

John 1:13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of *the flesh*, nor of the will of man, but of God

John 3:6 That which is born of *the flesh* is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit

Rom 8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of *the flesh*, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit

Rom 9:8 That is, those who are the children of *the flesh*, these are not the children of God

1Cor 5:5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of *the flesh*, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus (boundaries?)

2Cor 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of *the flesh* and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God

Gal 5:16 Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of *the flesh*

Gal 5:19 Now the works of *the flesh* are evident, which are



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Gal 6:8 For he who sows to his flesh will *of the flesh* reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life

***Eph 2:3* among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires *of the flesh* and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others**

Col 2:11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins *of the flesh*, by the circumcision of Christ

Col 2:23* These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence *of the flesh

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying *of the flesh*

1Pet 3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us, namely baptism (not the removal of the filth *of the flesh*, but the answer of a good conscience toward God

2Pet 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts *of the flesh*, through licentiousness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error

***1Jn 2:16* For all that is in the world--the lust *of the flesh*, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.²**

Proverbs 18:1

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He **rages against** all wise judgment.

Proverbs 19:3

One's own folly leads **to ruin**, yet the heart rages against the Lord.

- **Unbelief is a product of belong to the enemy**

John 8:42-45

"Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but He sent me. Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father' desire. He was a murderer from

² Thomas Nelson Publishers. (2000). [*Find it Fast in the Bible*](#) (pp. 514–515). T. Nelson Publishers.



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the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

"2 Chronicles 16:9

"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

Submission: 3 Kingdoms – MY Kingdom

God's Kingdom:

- The kingdom of God is not just heaven, a place.
- Or the church, his people.
- They are meaningless w/o & a more accurate definition is: The kingdom of God is **HIS AUTHORITY.**

How do we live in His Kingdom/THIS AUTHORITY?

- We praxis scripture: Application of a skill. Eternal Habits.

MY KINGDOM:

THE GIFT: Large gift, wrapped nicely. Have someone open.
 You've been given a kingdom at creation...Your Kingdom.
 A gift of love that came wrapped up in a box of free will.

I. Just WHAT Have We Been Given?

FreeWill

Gen. 2:8-17

⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin^[a] and onyx are also there.) ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush.^[b] ¹⁴ The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

II. So HOW do we live in this world?

CHOICE: Free Will To Chose Who to listen to

- *Because who we listen to is who we trust*
- *Who we trust is who we really love*

John 14:15 *"If you love me, you will obey what I command."*

We are ETERNAL Spiritual Beings having this PRESENT physical experience



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Given control of our own kingdom
 We get to choose who we listen to...

- God will not do what He expects us to do:

Our responsibility **Romans 12:1-2**

“Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to rest and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

A. FIVE Sources of Influence

1. God/Christ **Colossians 1:15-20**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by[a] him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

2. The Enemy USE? Genesis 3:1-13

(Revelation 12:7-9) *Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*

(Also in **Isaiah 14:12-15**)

➤ **1 John 5: 19**

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

➤ **2 Corinthians 11: 14-15**

And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

➤ **John 12:31** (Jesus speaking with the Greeks)

Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out

➤ **2 Corinthians 4:4**

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

3. Evil People **Proverbs 21:10**

The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes.

4. Life **Matthew 5:45b**

For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

5. Own Choices **Joshua 24:15**

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”



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James 1:22

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
 “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”*

These are the influences

ASK: So HOW do they influence us???

- ❖ By singing to us...Singing to us to follow them...to give way to them
- ❖ To YIELD to them...They want your Kingdom

B. Power of Yield

Yield = Give right-of-way.

ASK: Who holds this? (You do, given at creation.)

YEILD:

1. To God

Ephesians 4:22-24

to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Hebrews 11:25 (Moses)

choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

Yield statement:

- I will not obsess about my old life: feeling lesser than/better than or in old desires to engage in things that hurt Christ.
- I will do things that Christ did.
- I will repent when I have sinned.
- I will invest in my relationship w/Christ so I can fall more in love.
- I will make the choice on how to act by the illuminating light of scripture. (removing emotions from decision making.)

2. To the Enemy

2 Corinthians 11:14

And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

Yield statement:

- This is not wrong.
- It's really not that bad.
- No one will know.
- I'm only going to try it.
- Why R U getting your undies in a wad, it's not that big of a deal.

3. To Evil People

- a. Ones you know

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



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Yield statement:

- Two reactions: They affect you w/o your choice. (e.g. drunk driver)
- Or you lie to yourself: They are not THAT bad.

b. Ones you are tricked/abused by

2 Corinthians 11:13, 15

13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

Yield statement:

- Don't be so judgmental. They would not state it on TV or put it in print if it was not real!
- Nothing. You were exploited. Abused. (FEAR)

4. To Life

Matthew 5:45b

44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. (Life happens)

Yield statement:

- "Why me, Lord? I'm a Christian."

We are not exempt from life because we love Christ.

You do not get a special 'go directly to heavenly life' pass when you fall in love with Him.

One that we can wave above others heads.

We LIVE in the enemies territory. Don't act like you don't. (It's embarrassing...can you deal w/sovereignty?)

Which means: Do You TRUST HIM?

5. To Own Choices -Carnal man

Galatians 5: 13

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Yield statement:

- "Just this once."
- "It is no big deal."

We hold the power of Yield so what are we suppose to do with it? PURSUE GODLY PRINCIPLES

- ✓ Do you know Your Heavenly Father is constantly looking throughout the earth to see whose committed heart needs strengthening?

2 Chronicles 16:9a

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.

The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. What a fool you have been! NLT

C. The Power of Pursued Principles



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You take on the form of whom you worship.

1. GOD

1 Timothy 4:7-8

Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly.

8 *“Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”*

2. THE ENEMY

James 4:7

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

*Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? **7** Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. **8** Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

REMINDER: **1 John 4:4** He that is in you is GREATER than he that is in the world

3. EVIL PEOPLE

Oprah-type:

John 7:24

“Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

Abusive –type:

Ruins good character

4. LIFE

He holds us in the palm of his hand, REALLY?

Isaiah 41:13

For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Fear not, I am the one who helps you.”

This is where you will answer: “Do I believe God is sovereign?”

Do I trust Him?

Or do I seek explanations of why this is happening?

Do I look for whose fault it is?

Do you not think someone who loves you so intimately will let you know, in that intimacy, if you have offended Him (sin)? Benefit of daily conversations w/Him.

(Haughty **Prov. 21:4** *“Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin!”*)

5. OWN CHOICES (SELF)

Repentance

John 9:31



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We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.

Galatians 5:16

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Hebrews 5:14

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Solid food eaten develops Fruit of the Spirit. (Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, & self control... grows as we yield into Him.)

Solid Food = Scripture

Eaten = learn it, believe it, understand it, believe it, DO it

PRODUCES FRUIT

Galatians 6:15 *“neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation/changed life.”*

KEY to Yield: Have TRAINED themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 5:13-14

¹³ *Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.* ¹⁴ *But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.*

**We hold the power of yield in one hand, the power of pursued principles in the other:
 what are we going to do with them???**

Obedience

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

"His servants ye are to whom ye obey."

[Romans 6:16](#)

2:13 Submission is the theme of this section (1 Pet. 2:13–3:7). **The natural response is to demand rights and refuse to yield to another person;** it is a supernatural response to give up rights and yield. True submission involves refusing to seek self-interest and instead assuming voluntary commitment of service to others (Phil. 2:3, 4). This volitional submission is seen in several spheres of relationships: citizens to government (1 Pet. 2:13–17); slaves to masters (vv. 18–25); and wives to husbands (1 Pet. 3:1–7).³

³ Thomas Nelson, I. (1995). *The Woman's Study Bible* (1 Pe 2:13). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.



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Signs of Greatness: Being Led By The Spirit

“Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust (desires) of the flesh.” Galatians 5:16

BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT...to set our minds on the things of the Spirit. Romans 8:5-14

The Holy Spirit leads by:

1. Prompting, an inner witness: Titus 2:11-13
 - 2.) Knowing the HEART of God & ‘Building’ in us the mind of Christ: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
 - 3.) Always in harmony with scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21
(NOTE: The similarity of the job description of Scripture & of the Holy Spirit.)
 - 4.) Teach and Remind: John 14:26
 - 5.) Point out truth (Give direction in our lives): John 16:13a; Luke 4:1; Acts 10:19-20, 16:6-7
 - 6.) Prophetic (Forth-telling of scripture): John 16:13b-14
 - 7.) Feels guilty when we sin, concerned with Christ’s standard of righteousness & God’s judgment: John 16:8-13
 - 8.) Opposed to sinful desires: Galatians 5:17-18; 1 Peter 2:11
 - 9.) Exhort believers: On sin, backsliding, perseverance, sonship: Romans 8:13-16
 - 10.) Holy Spirit voice becomes ‘weaker’ the longer the believer resists His promptings: Romans 1:18;
1 Thessalonians 5:19
 - 11.) Results in spiritual death when rejected & Results in spiritual life when obeyed: Romans 8:6-13
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- GOSPEL OF JOHN: Belief VS. Unbelief (compiled by Pr. Orleen Haseltine)

III. The Specifics of Submission (see 1 Pet. 5)

1 Peter 5:6-11

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your



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anxieties on him, because he cares for you. **8** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **9** Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. **10** And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. **11** To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

There are **seven basic areas of life** that require submissiveness on the part of mankind. Each merits a whole range of development and bears far more Scripture support than the brief list of references given here. But this simple outline serves as a framework for further study. New Testament life, in which the fullness of God's love for man has been revealed, summons submission at these levels of relationship:

A. Submission to God the Father

Heb. 12:5-9 **5** And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? **8** If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

Jas. 4:6,7

6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” **7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

B. Submission to the Truth

Rom. 10:1-4 on receiving God's provision of righteousness through Christ alone, without works

*Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. **2** For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. **3** For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. **4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

C. Submission to the Body of Christ. This refers to:

1. Jesus as the Head

Eph. 1:20-23 **20** that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, **21** far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. **22** And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Col. 2:18-19 **18** Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions,[a] puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, **19** and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

2. Local eldership and church government

1 Cor. 16:14-16

14 Let all that you do be done in love.

15 Now I urge you, brothers—you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints— **16** be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer.

Heb. 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

3. Individuals of the membership

Eph. 5:21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

1 Pet. 5:5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

D. Submission to parents



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Luke 2:51 *And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.*

Col. 3:20 *Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.*

Eph. 6:1-3 *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”*

E. Submission to civil authority

Rom. 13:1-7

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

1 Pet. 2:13-23 *13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants[c] of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. 18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. 19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.*

F. Submission to employers

Eph. 6:5-7 *5 Bondservants,[a] obey your earthly masters[b] with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, 6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,*

Col. 3:22 *Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.*

G. Submission to roles as husband and wife

Eph. 5:22-33 *22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. 25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

Col. 3:18,19

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.



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CLOSING:

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,[a] 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,[b] being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

“His example calls you and me to discover the power release and growth that will only happen in and through us if we properly learn the spirit of submission. The path down (submitting) is the way up (receiving authority). Even then, all authority in the spiritual realm is only to be exercised in the Spirit and with the attitude of a servant:”

IV. The Spirit of Submission (see Ps. 37)

Any truth can be stretched over the rack of cold, literalistic application and made into a dried hide of demanding duty. However, New Testament life is not designed to wrap man in newly developed legal demands but rather to fill man with new possibilities for living in the love of God by the outflow of the Holy Spirit (see **Rom. 5:5** *and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*) The enunciating of the basic-to-life principle of submission can be responded to in fear, in doubt, in presumption, in love, in trust or in understanding. **To select the wise response and avoid the foolish requires a wholehearted openness toward the Holy Spirit.** Only He can lead us into the living of any truth. We need to be mindful that:

A. The Spirit of submission is not cowardly (see **2 Tim. 1:7** *for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control*). He will not produce passive, insensitive saints who flop before anything in supposed submission.

We are not to submit to:

1. Satan (**1 Pet. 5:8-9** *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.*).

2. Flesh (**1 Cor. 9:24-27** *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control,[a] lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.*.. We are to make no provision for it.

3. Legalism (**Gal. 2:4-5** **4** *Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— 5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.*.. It is always in opposition to the gospel.

B. The Spirit of submission is not confused (see **Acts 4:15-21** *15 But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, 16 saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 17 But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” 18 So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, 20 for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” 21 And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened.*



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5:26-42 *Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. 27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." 33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.*

This deals with the question "How does one submit to conflicting authorities?" The apostles satisfied both God and rulers, submitting unto both. They did not submit to demands of silence, but they did submit to scourging with joy.

C. The Spirit of submission is not contentious (1 Cor. 11:16 *If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.*).

D. The Spirit of submission is not comparatively competitive. 2 Corinthians 1:12 *For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you.*

warns against the ugliest aspects of a spirit of competition, while Proverbs 27:17 *Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.* recommends the best aspects of "sharpening" one another by interactive activity.