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We are redeemed community

Doing the great commission

By the power of the Holy Spirit...

1 Cor. 2:12-13

For the glory of God

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Phil. 2:16

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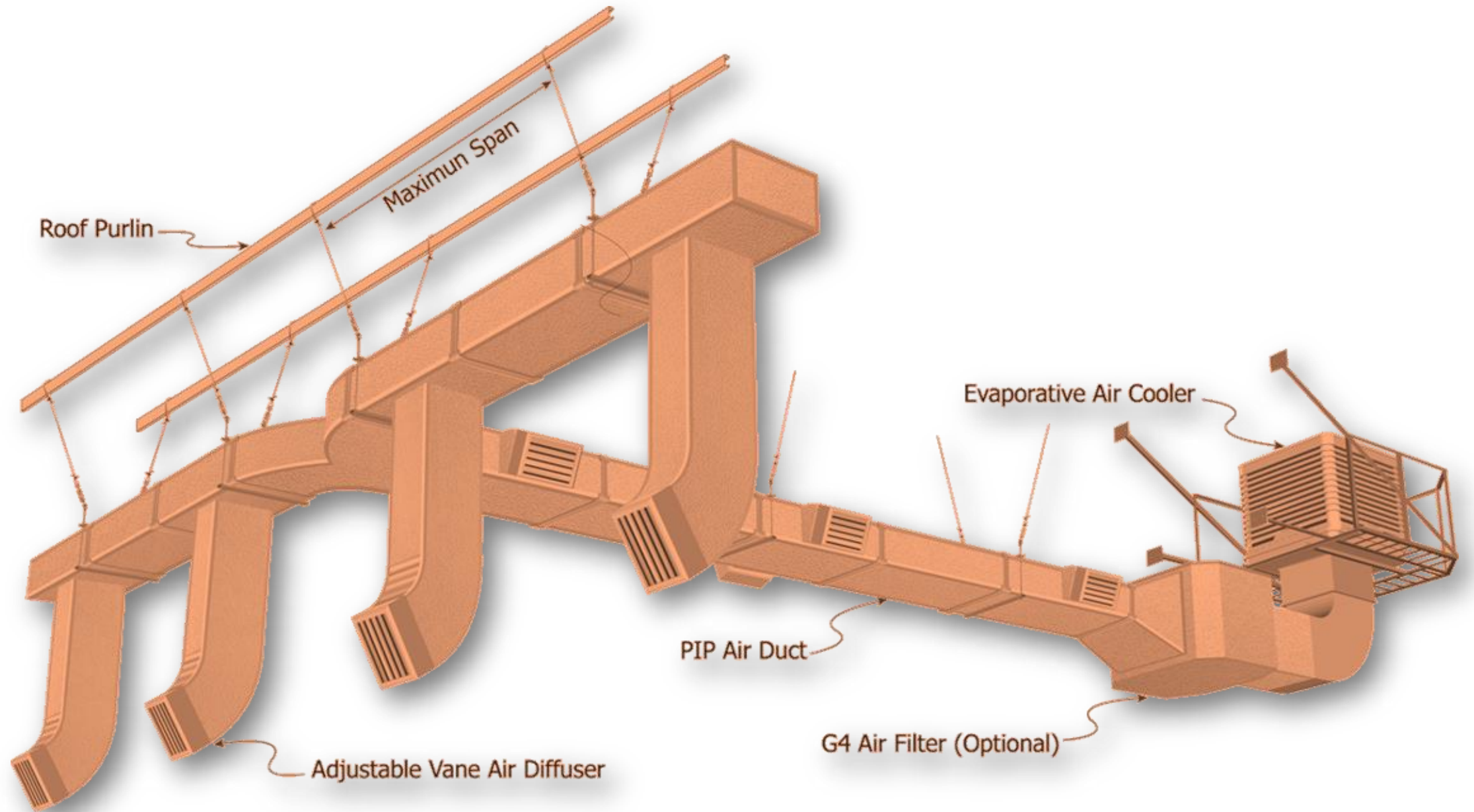
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world, how can a
Christian possibly
make any difference?”**

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2 Corinthians 6







Biblical values are the nozzle that focus the power of scripture so that we are cleansed, sanctified, more useful.



- **The believer in Jesus understands he or she is valued by God.**
- **The Christian then lives by God's values.**
- **The Christian is then positioned to create value.**



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Wayne, I think this is a good series for the present time. We see our culture crumbling around us because it has forsaken the values that held us together for three centuries. You and I also see the micro-tragedy of local churches disintegrating because of eroded values. – a friend



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**5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own understanding**

Proverbs 3 CSB





Premise: Our world is overrun by uncertain and shifting values. Culturally, an individual's values are based primarily on their feelings and an internal sense of right and wrong. Phrases such as, "Live my truth" and "authentic self" are pervasive and reinforce the idea that truth is malleable. Unfortunately, the heart is deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9, Proverbs 28:26, Matthew 15:19) and changeable values lead to utter foolishness and all manner of debauchery. In light of this truth, we will hold to the rock-solid, never-changing values of the kingdom of God (Matthew 7:24-29, 16:16-18).

As a follower of Jesus, my values do not come from culture, my family, or my own understanding, but from the unchangeable character of God as revealed to us in His word. The Bible challenges me to evaluate my beliefs about what is important in life, asking, “Do I attribute value to the right things?” – Michelle Russell

Filthy foolishness – pretending my sin is OK because I sit and let scripture lightly waft by



Useful healthiness – I humbly submit to the scouring effect of the focused values of scripture



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Philippians 2 CSB

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Greek Philosophy



New Testament



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Jesus is the Word. ^{John 1:1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...

^{John 1:14} The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jesus/Word is free. ^{Romans 3:24} They [Christians] are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

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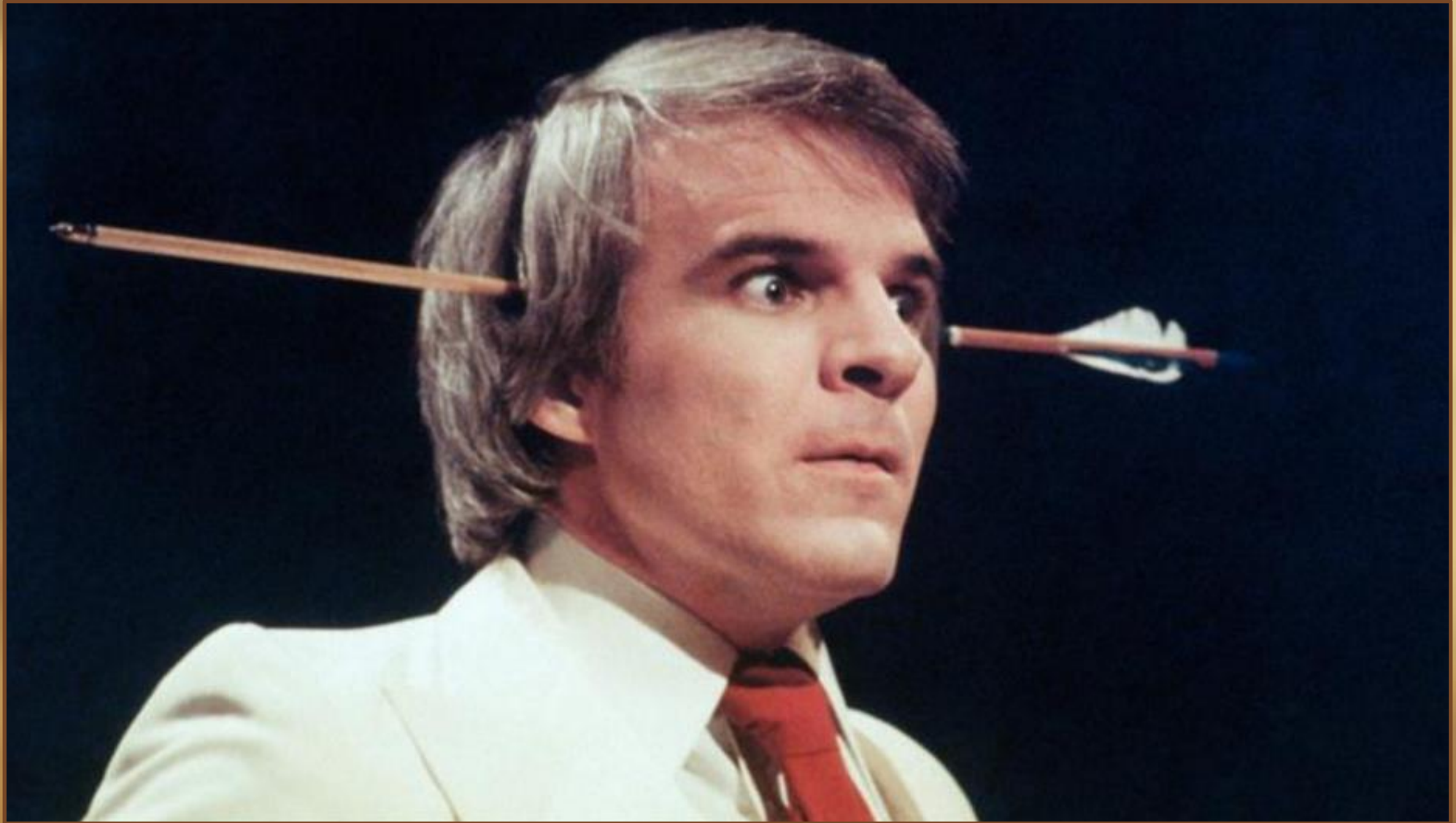




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1 Corinthians 2 CSB

24 Jesus answered and said to them, “Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?”

Mark 12 NKJV

What an indictment of those Sadducees who were attempting to live according to their own cherry-picked information, making God’s clear Word into a byzantine mess. Thank goodness we’re not like that!

– Jeremy Mikeska

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24 “Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn’t act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash.”

Matthew 7 CSB

The Beatitudes

the values of
the Kingdom

The Sermon

living out
those values
here on earth

The Great Image

indestructible
kingdom life



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161 But my heart stands in awe of Your words.

162 I rejoice at Your word,

As one who finds great spoil.

Ps 119 NASB



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courtesy Joshua Chilton

**⁷ The instruction of the Lord is perfect,
renewing one's life;
the testimony of the Lord is trustworthy,
making the inexperienced wise.**

**⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right,
making the heart glad;
the command of the Lord is radiant,
making the eyes light up.**

Psalm 19 CSB

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2 Timothy 3 CSB



courtesy CSPAN

“Do you think that when I see someone raped or murdered or abused, I should walk on by because it would be ‘inconvenient’ for people who aren’t the victim?...In so far as representatives and judges do not follow the law, no one is required to yield them anything so unlawfully ordered.”

– Cole Thomas Allen



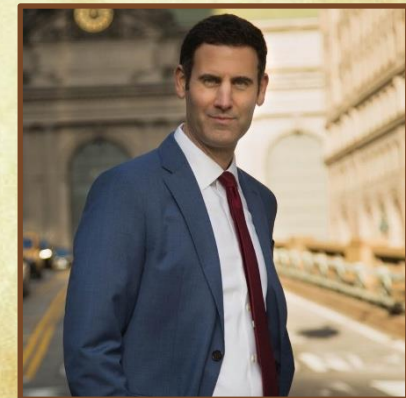
Jonathan Alpert: This reflects a pattern you see every day in less spectacular form.

I hear a version of this logic often in my therapy practice. A patient sits across from me and describes taking something that wasn't his. There's a brief pause when I feel the recognition—he knows he crossed a line. Then the explanation comes in, fast and practiced: The company is exploitative. The system is rigged. It evens things out.

By the time he's done, the recognition is gone. He doesn't face the guilt, but [instead] explains it away, reshapes it into something easier to live with—and more dangerous, because it feels like clarity.

This isn't about theft. It's about how easily grievance turns into permission—how feeling wronged starts to look like a reason to do wrong.

This is what therapists call rationalization...Most people don't need to be told that stealing, much less murder, is wrong. The harder part is holding on to that judgment when tempted with a plausible and self-serving explanation. It isn't a failure of knowledge but a failure of restraint. That's the real shift. Not just in what people do—but in how easily they come to believe it makes sense. The result easily could have been deadly on Saturday night. – Jonathan Alpert, “When Rationalization Turns Deadly”



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Jared Coe:

The values of a person or organization are revealed in actions, as Cambridge points out. But we could add that speech also demonstrates internal values. So, after “control their” the dictionary might be more accurate to say:

- behavior – how we live demonstrates what we value.**
- statements – people talk about what they value.**



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Joshua 1:7-9



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