# WHY IS EVERYTHING SKEWED?

Face It Dude...You're Skewed: Part One September 10, 2017 CONNECTION SUNDAY Pastor Brian

## 1 John 2:15–17 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

# THE WORLD'S VALUE SYSTEM

	3 Temptations	3 Worldviews	Key Word	Expression
lust of the <b>flesh</b>	Pleasure	Hedonism	INDULGE	"YOLO!"
lust of the eyes	Possessions	Materialism	INCREASE	"He who dies with
				the most toys wins."
pride of life	Power & Position	Narcissism	<b>IMPRESS</b>	"It's all about me!"

# HOW TO "SEE" THROUGH THE SKEW

#### 1. EVALUATE CULTURE HABITUALLY.

"Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News..." (2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT)

"Test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. Stay away from every kind of evil." (1 Thessalonians 5:21–22, NLT)

#### 2. BUILD CONVICTIONS BIBLICALLY.

"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within..." (Romans 12:2, Ph)

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth." (John 17:17, NIV)

ACTION: Daily Devotions – begins tomorrow! Foundations – begins 10/4 B.I.B.L.E. Seminar – coming November

# 3. LOVE CHRIST SUPREMELY.

*"Jesus said, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence." (Matthew 22:37, The Message)* 

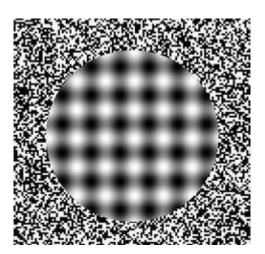
"Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God." (James 4:4, NLT)

#### ACTION: Worship weekly Super CLASS Sunday, 10/8 /Wednesday 10/11

## 4. CONNECT IN <u>COMMUNITY</u> FAITHFULLY.

*"...Enjoy the companionship of those who love the Lord and have pure hearts." (2 Timothy 2:22, The Living Bible)* 

"[Do not neglect] to assemble together...and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25, AMP)



ACTION: SMALL GROUP CONNECTION – TODAY!