

**Citizens of Heaven—on Earth**  
**Dignity**  
**First Christian Church—October 11, 2020**  
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**Built to Win, Built to Lead**  
2017 Golden State Warriors

(Slide)<https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fbleacherreport.com%2Farticles%2F2737534-golden-state-warriors-5-bold-predictions-for-2017-18-nba-season&psig=AOvVaw1UHewyPkID-Xx3IOx6YTqs&ust=1602114550043000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAIQjRxqFwoTCPC7koKUoewCFQAAAAAdAAAAABAD>

We as humans are built to reflect the image of God Himself .... He has made us to rule and have dominion not over each but with each other. Jesus makes us that unstoppable force.

**GOD's Story— Gen 1:26 – Gen 2**

**(slide) Dignity**--- the state or quality of being worthy of honor or respect .... a sense of pride in oneself; self-respect

God created man to work and to create (image of God) ...because of mans sin that image was tainted or blurred and caused to look less like God

**(slide) Statistics**

Men who retire early at age 62 have a 20% higher death rate than those who don't retire early

**(slide)** Single parent households are 4-5 times more likely to be in poverty than two parent households

**(slide)** In 2018 445 billion dollars was spent on welfare programs --- if all the Christians in America tithed that would total 488 billion per year

Welfare ultimately destroys the dignity of a person/people --- Jesus understood this he could've just stayed on earth but he only stayed for period of time and reinstated the authority that we gave up back us and instructed us to carry on.

**(Slide) Matt 17:17**

**(Slide) John 14:12-14**

**(slide) C.H.E. ---- Community Health Evangelism**

<https://www.chenetwork.org/>

**(slide) HGC ----- Healthy Giving Council**

<https://www.givesmartaz.org>

Our dignity as humans is directly tied to God it is what sets us apart from all other forms of creation Gen 2:7 ... when people are able to, create, build, work and innovate they actually live longer .... When we take that away we essentially shorten their lives.

\*We are not absolved from helping those who under privileged or disadvantaged ... we just have to be careful not to cripple them even further than what they are ---that's the work of being a Jesus follower

**(slide) Big Idea:** The further we get away from Gods way of doing things, the more conflict, pain, suffering, sickness, sin, racism, fatherlessness, abortion, addiction, abuse, poverty, unrest, murder, stress, fighting, lack of dignity and ultimately death is what we have ---- BUT JESUS!!

**That's what up!!**

