

**Why is the World So Jacked Up?**  
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**How did my life get Jacked Up So Fast?**

**Why are my relationships so Jacked Up?**

**What can I do about my Jacked-Up Finances?**

**Why is the World so Jacked Up?**

*“If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God” Deuteronomy 28:1-2*

*“However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you” Deuteronomy 28:15*

**Why Is The World So Jacked Up?**

1. We Celebrate **Celebrity** instead of **Character**

*“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7*

*“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.” — Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.*

2. We **Indulge** our **Selfish** Attitudes

*“But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don’t cover up the truth with boasting and lying. <sup>15</sup> For jealousy and selfishness are not God’s kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. <sup>16</sup> For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.” James 3:14-16*

3. We **Imitate** What We **Worship**

*“You must not worship the gods of these nations or serve them in any way or imitate their evil practices. Instead, you must utterly destroy them and smash their sacred pillars.”<sup>25</sup> “You must serve only the Lord your God. If you do, I will bless you with food and water, and I will protect you from illness.” Exodus 23:24-25*

*“When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, be very careful not to imitate the detestable customs of the nations living there.” Deuteronomy 18:9*

#### 4. We **Succumb** to **Evil** Influences

*“But the words you speak come from the heart—that’s what defiles you.<sup>19</sup> For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander.” Matthew 5:18-19*

*“There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on doing what is evil—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile.” Romans 2:9*

## How To Overcome a Jacked Up World

*“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” John 16:33*

#### 1. Place Your Hope in **Jesus Christ**

*“Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.” Psalm 25:5*

*“Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble” Romans 12:12*

*“Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.” Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.*

#### 2. Build Your **Personal Character**

*“Remember how the Lord your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would obey his commands.” Deuteronomy 8:2*

*“May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.” Philippians 1:11*

#### 3. Conquer **Evil** with **Good**

*“Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.<sup>18</sup> Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.<sup>19</sup> Dear friends, never take*

revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.” <sup>21</sup> Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.” Romans 12:17-21

“Don’t repay evil for evil. Don’t retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing.” I Peter 3:9

#### 4. Supply **Justice** to the Oppressed

“Wash yourselves and be clean! Get your sins out of my sight. Give up your evil ways.

<sup>17</sup> Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.” Isaiah 1:16-17

Key Word: **If**

“If you will only obey me, you will have plenty to eat. <sup>20</sup> But if you turn away and refuse to listen, you will be devoured by the sword of your enemies. I, the Lord, have spoken!” Isaiah 1:19-20

“You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.” Genesis 4:7

“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways (and post stuff on social media), I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.” II Chronicles 7:14