

**Awkward
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Culture Wants to:

I. _____ You.

⁴Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. **2 Corinthians 4:4a**

²⁵They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. **Romans 1:25 (NIV)**

II. _____ You.

²⁹Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. ³⁰They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. ³¹They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. **Romans 1:29-31**

III. _____ You.

³²...They not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. **Romans 1:32 (NIV)**

Overcoming Culture:

I. Be _____ to God.

¹²Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. ¹³Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. **Romans 6:12-13**

II. Be _____ with God.

²⁴Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin. **Romans 7:24-25**

III. Be _____ to God.

¹⁶Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. **Romans 6:16**

Additional Notes:

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Culture Wants to:

I. Convince You.

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II. Corrupt You.

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II. Be Honest with God.

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