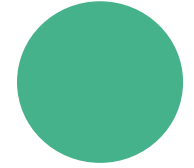
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PART 6

THE BEAUTY OF INTOLERANCE: The Loss of *Morality*



All moral truth resides in and comes from God

- The reason we think fair and unfair, is because our Maker is a just God
- The reason love is a virtue, is because God is love
- The reason honesty is right and deceit is wrong, is because God is true
- The reason fidelity in marriage is honourable and infidelity is not, is because God is faithful.
- The reason chastity is moral and promiscuity is immoral is because God is pure

Everything that is moral, right, holy, good, and beautiful comes from the core nature of God. He does holy and right things because that is who he is- his actions come out of his core nature.



THE BEAUTY OF INTOLERANCE: The Loss of Morality

TRUTH PRAYER PSALM 119: 33-40

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; Preserve my life according to your word. Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared. Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good. How I long for your precepts! In your righteousness preserve my life.

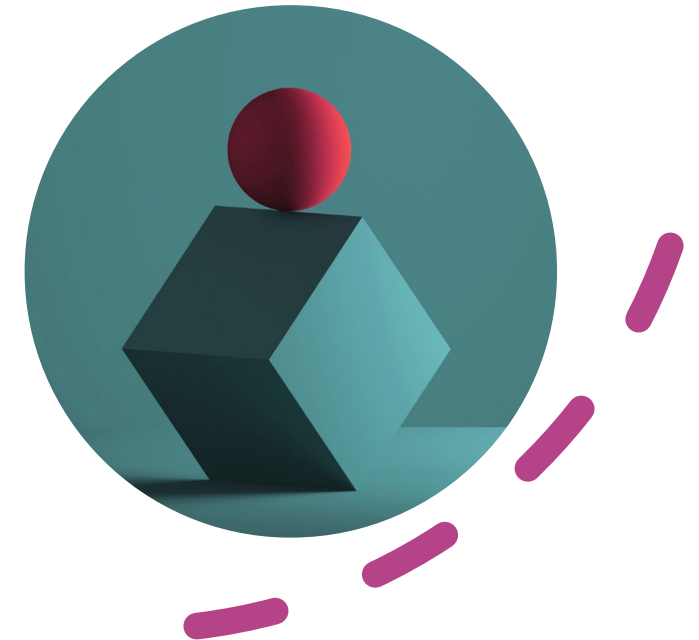


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WHO WE ARE does not equal WHAT WE DO

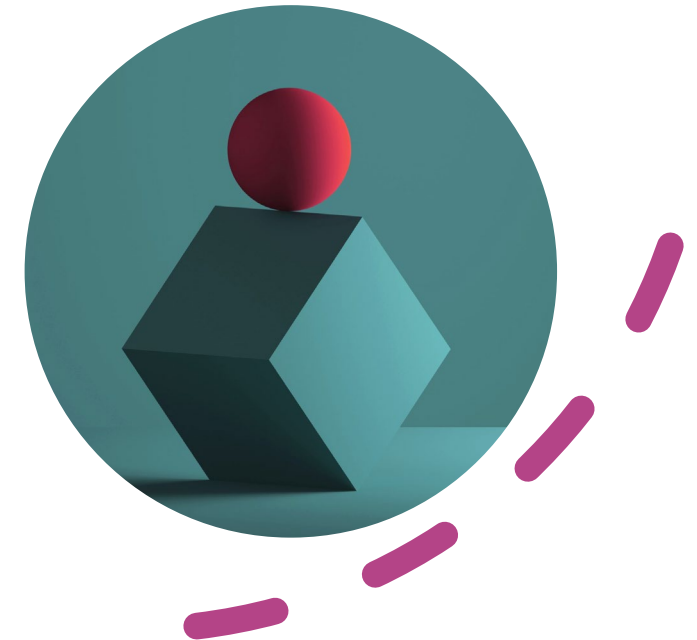
ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES

LOVE DOES

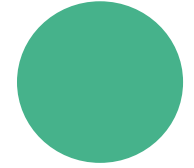


THE BEAUTY OF INTOLERANCE: Navigating Pluralism

- 1. Know that Christianity is objectively true.**
- 2. Understand other religious views.**
- 3. Model truth and grace in every conversation.**
- 4. Ask good questions.**
- 5. Prepare for pushback.**



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JEREMIAH 29: 5-7

1. What was God's instructions to His people when they were in exile?
2. What did we learn in FTLOTW series last summer?



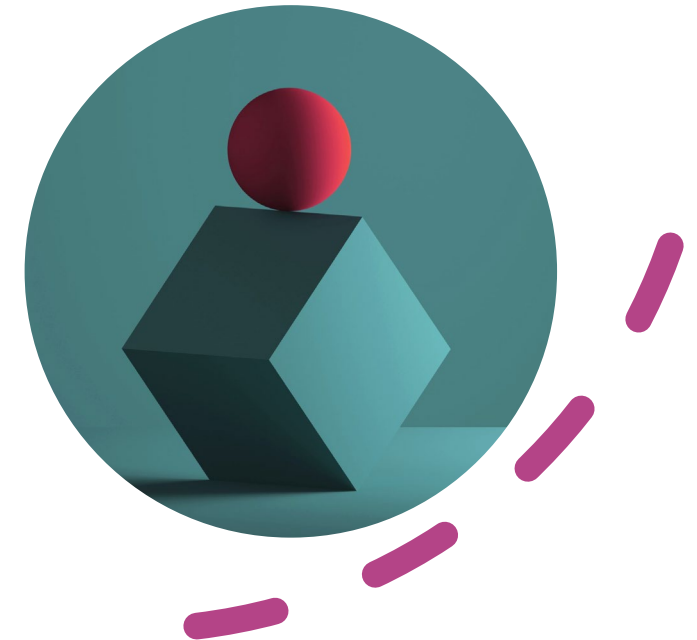
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We Are Called To:

1. Celebrate, Protect, Promote, and Preserve the Good

- There is beauty even in the darkness
- Use technology for good
- Celebrate media, arts, that reflect God's character and nature
- Tell true stories



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We Are Called To:

1. Celebrate, Protect, Promote, and Preserve the Good

2. Contribute what is missing from our culture

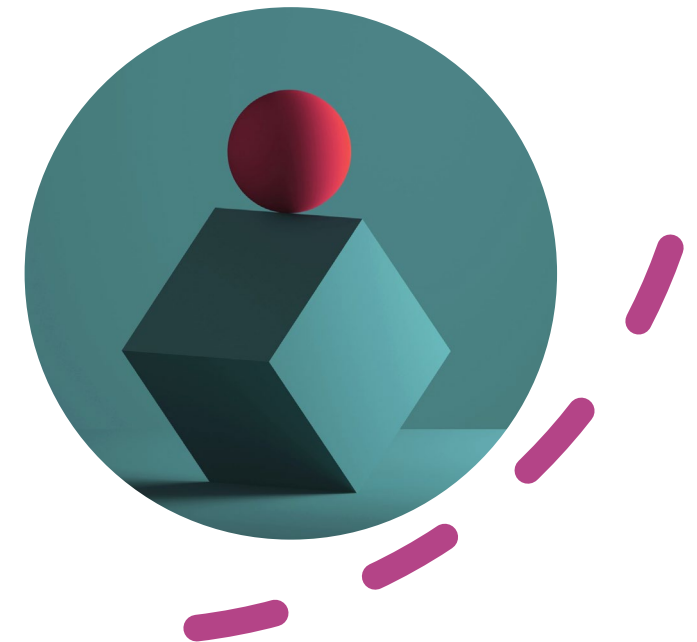
- We should create wholesome culture
- When we create successful businesses or write beautiful songs not only do we bring truth, goodness, and beauty of God into the lives of others, we also point them to the source of those things, God himself.



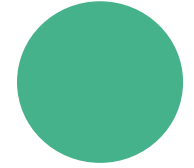
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We Are Called To:

- 1. Celebrate, Protect, Promote, and Preserve the Good**
- 2. Contribute what is missing from our culture**
- 3. Stop the evil that we can**
 - William Wilberforce- slavery
 - Share your views (based on God's narrative)
 - Confront your own planks
 - Whatever evil you can stop, you should
 - Be careful what causes, organizations you get involved in

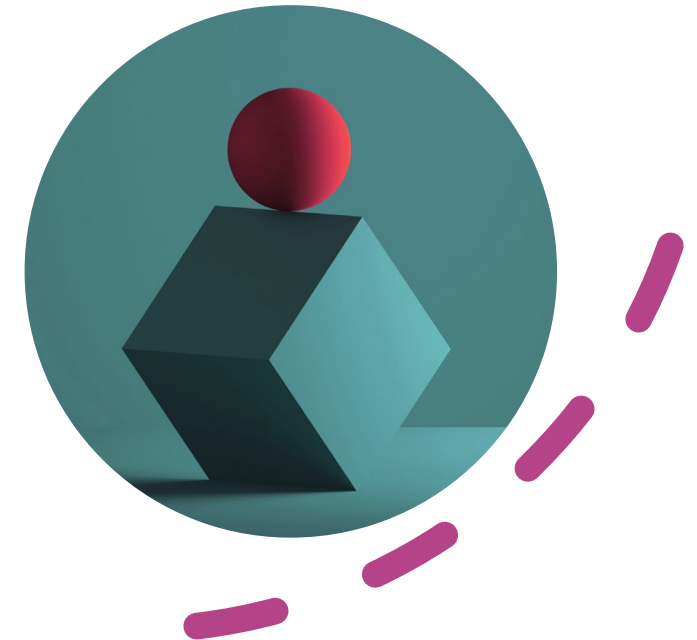


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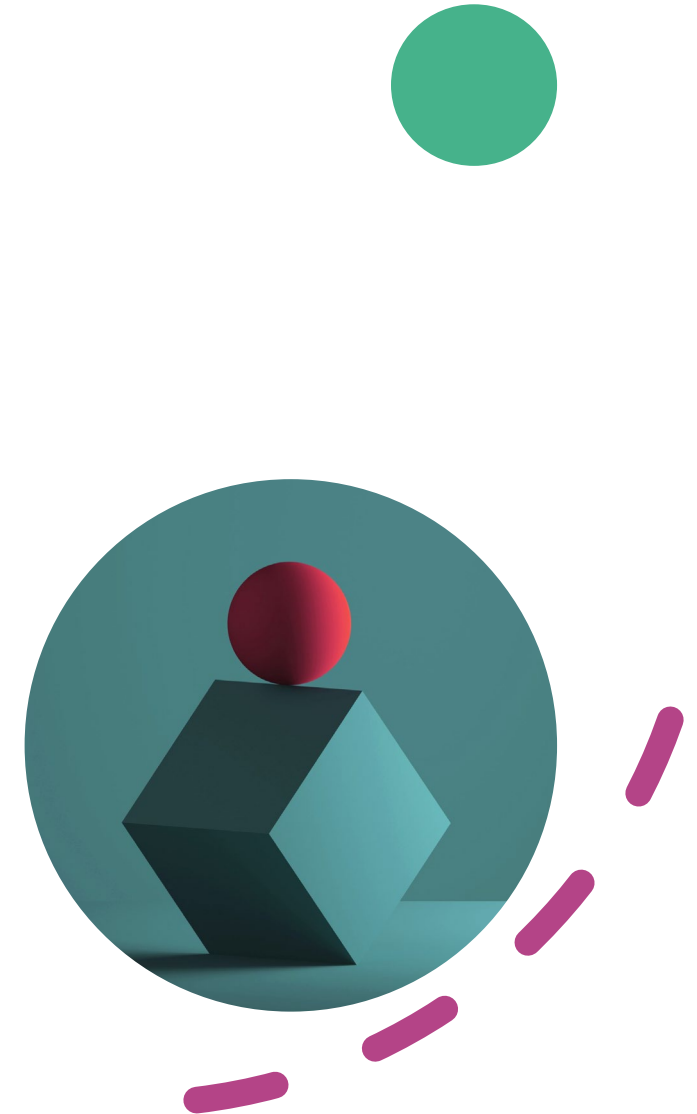
- 1. Celebrate, Protect, Promote, and Preserve the Good**
- 2. Contribute what is missing from our culture**
- 3. Stop the evil that we can**
- 4. Restore brokenness where we can**
 - Reconciliation
 - Restoration



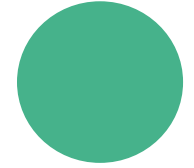
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Another Way To Look At It:

- **Celebrate**
- **Create**
- **Confront**
- **Co-opt**
- **Correct**



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THE KIND OF WORK GOD USUALLY CALLS YOU TO IS THE KIND OF WORK THAT:

1. YOU NEED MOST TO DO

- Your own personal faith and growth
- Your own passions, giftedness
- You will feel most alive

2. THE WORLD MOST NEEDS TO HAVE DONE

- See the bad in the world that you can effect change and do something about it.



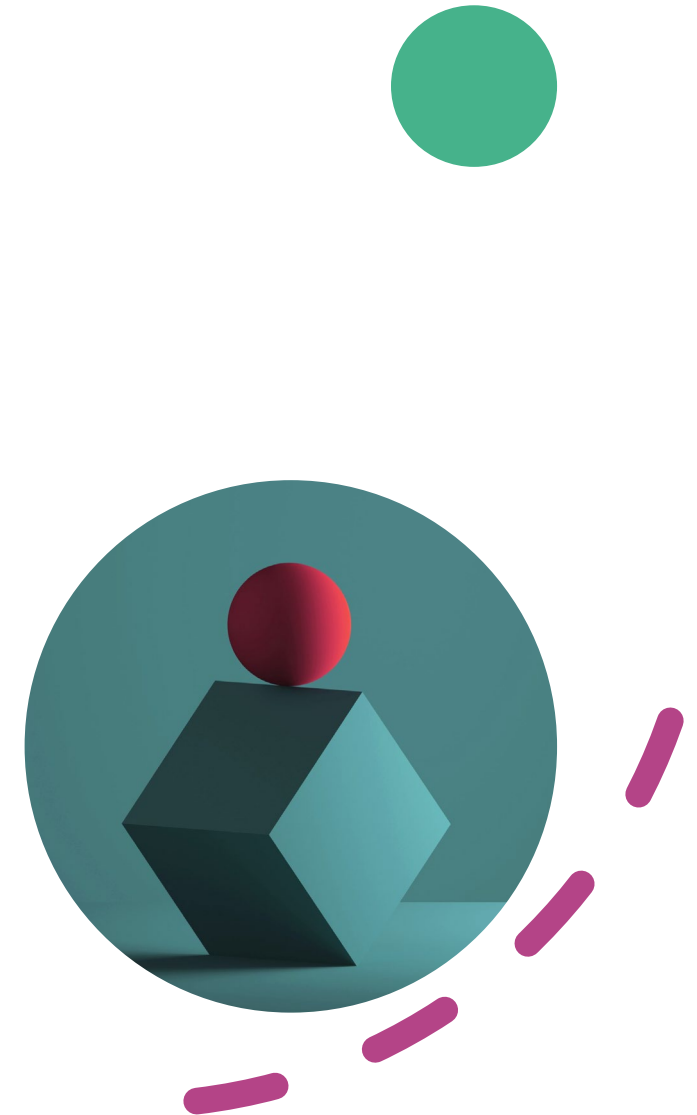
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TECHNOLOGY LIES

1. I am the center of my own universe
2. I deserve to be happy all the time
3. I must have choices
4. Information is all I need, not teachers or elders

What Can You Do?

- Change your patterns of usage
- Post only truth and real things about yourself
- Turn off your devices often



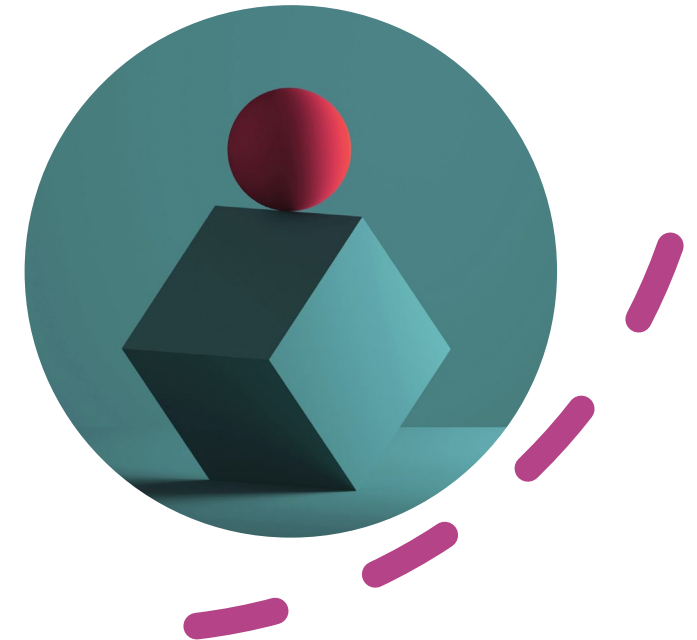
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PORNOGRAPHY LIES

1. Porn is a harmless expression of human sexuality
2. Porn is personal; it is no one's business

What Can You Do?

- Wake Up!
- Confront the problem
- Protect yourself
- Be honest about the consequences of viewing porn
- Understand the darkness of the porn industry
- Build strong relationships
- Be ready to forgive yourself and seek God's grace



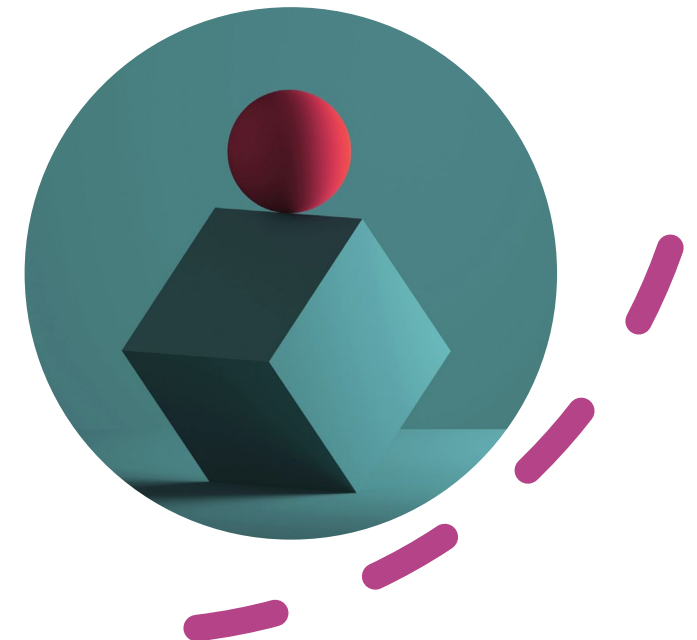
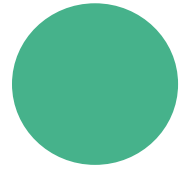
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HOOK UP CULTURE LIES

1. Everyone is hooking up
2. Hooking up is consequence free
3. What you do when you're young won't impact your future

What Can You Do?

- Look to parents leaders for guidance on sex
- Understand the yes as well as the no
- Seek healthy dating relationships
 - Only date Christians
 - Never be alone with a date
 - Stick to a reasonable curfew
 - Go in a group
 - Don't date exclusively in high school
 - Listen to mom and dad or significant Christian mentors



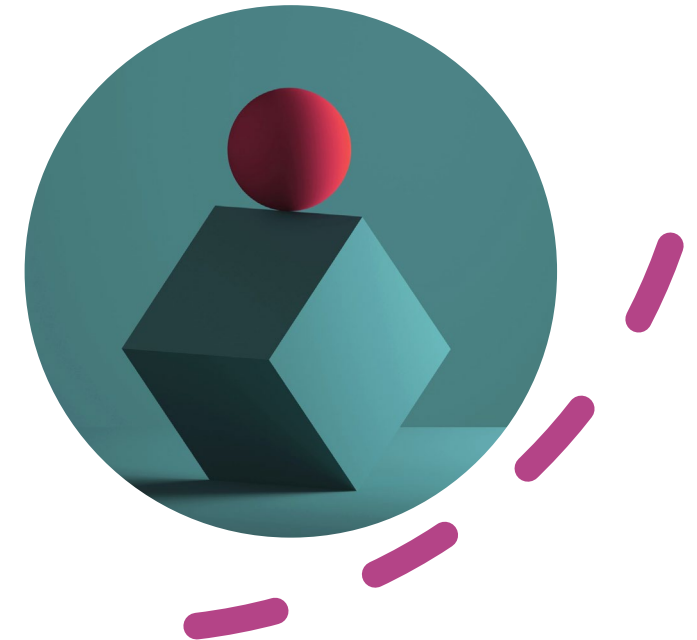
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SEXUAL ORIENTATION LIES

1. Christians treat gays and lesbians terribly
2. Gay people are born that way
3. The gay lifestyle is just as normal and healthy as heterosexuality

What Can You Do?

- Acknowledge that sexual brokenness isn't confined to homosexual behavior
- Resist culture's false view of love
- Don't shun gay family members or friends
- Make Jesus, not homosexuality the main issue
- Prepare for the social costs of affirming biblical views



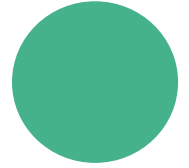
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GENDER IDENTITY LIES

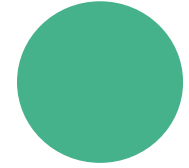
1. Gender is merely a social construction
2. We should validate people's thoughts and desires so they'll flourish

What Can You Do?

- Let God move you to compassion for those who struggle with gender-identity issues
- Speak the truth carefully, with an extra dose of compassion
- Get a better understanding of gender-identity development
- Build strong loving relationships with your parents and mentors.



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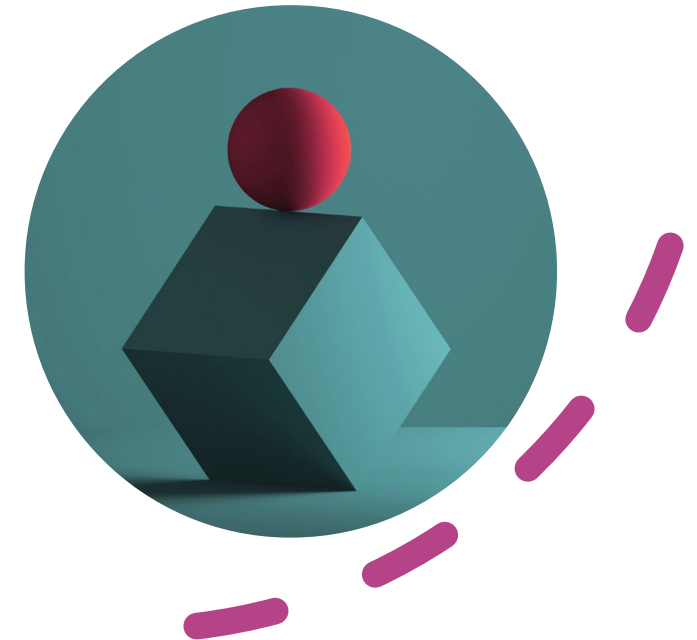


AFLUENCE AND CONSUMERISM LIES

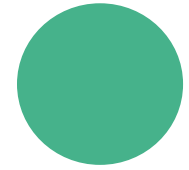
1. The more you have, the happier you'll be
2. You are what you own

What Can You Do?

- Repent of your own sinful pursuit of affluence.
- Learn to say no to your desires
- Tithe and gift regularly
- Pay for the things you want (don't use credit)
- Create a budget
- Avoid debt
- Give things away regularly (buy one give one away)
- Expose yourself to the reality of poverty
- Practice gratitude on a daily basis



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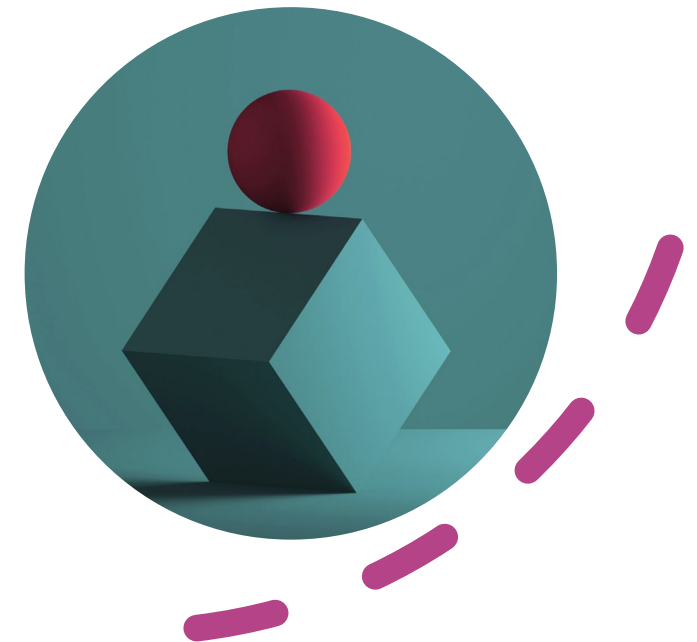


ADDICTION LIES

1. Drug and alcohol abuse aren't that big of a problem
2. Legal drugs and alcohol are primarily used for recreational purposes.

What Can You Do?

- If struggling, get help now
- Go beyond "just say no"
- Be wise about the situations you put yourself in
- Invite your friends over
- Make your family dinners and time a priority



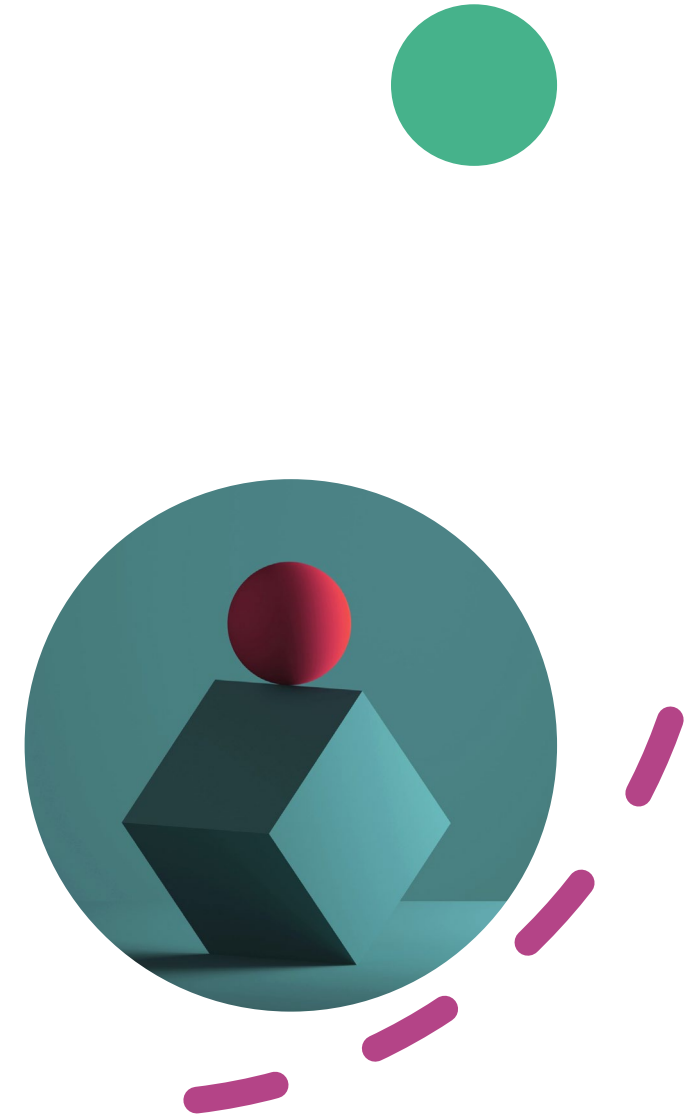
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ENTERTAINMENT LIES

1. Relax! It's just entertainment
2. The medium is neutral

What Can You Do?

- Take regular breaks from entertainment
- Become aware of your entertainment diet
- Actively engage entertainment rather than passively absorb it
- Redeem screen time
- Look for alternatives to entertainment
- Get outside
- Develop a reading habit



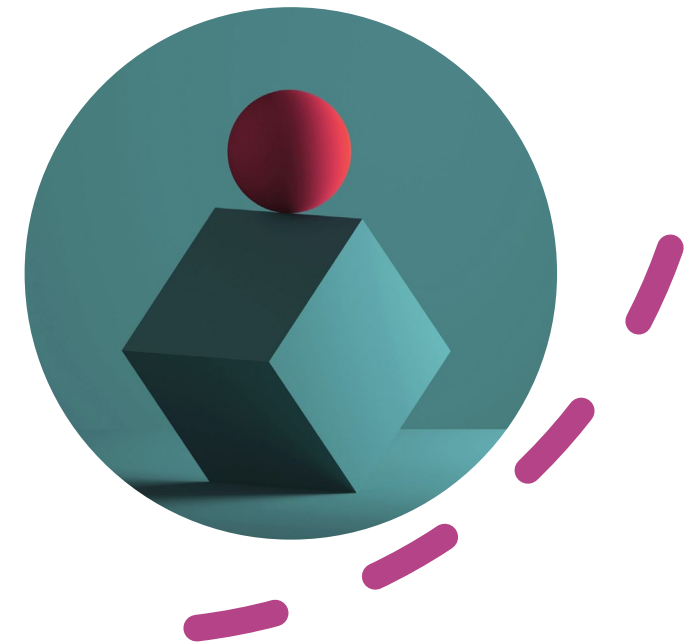
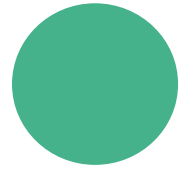
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RACIAL TENSION LIES

1. You are your ethnicity
2. Racism is not that big of a problem, so get over it
3. Racism is happening everywhere all the time

What Can You Do?

- Examine your own views
- Develop genuine friendships with those of other ethnicities
- Treat individuals as individuals
- Don't let culture control the conversation on race
- Avoid slogans and clichés (colour-blind, black lives matter, all lives matter)
- Be on the lookout for other expression of discrimination besides race



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NEXT WEEK YOU DEFEND

- WHETHER BEING GAY IS ACCEPTABLE

HOW WOULD YOU:

- SHARE WITH A SIBLING OR FAMILY MEMBER
- SHARE WITH A FRIEND
- SHARE IN A DEBATE - SCHOOL
- SHARE IN A CHURCH GROUP

