

Review

3. What did Isaiah admit to God before accepting his call?

I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips.

4. What is the implication of evil companions in 1 Cor. 15:33?

influence and can impact people

8. Were the disciples “in the world” in John 17? Are we?

Yes, Yes vs. 15, 18

9. Were the disciples “of the world”? Are we?

No, No vs. 14, 16

14. What was the Ephesians condition when they “of the world”?

Dead spiritually due to their trespasses and sins.

4 - DOES IT STIR LUST?

5 - DOES IT INVOLVE ASSOCIATIONS
THAT LEAD TO SIN?

6 - IS IT HONORABLE?

7 - HAVE YOU PUT CHRIST FIRST?

8 - IS IT AN ACT OF LOVE?

9 - IS IT LAWFUL
(CIVIL)?

I Pet. 2:13-17

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake **to every human institution,** whether to a king as the one in authority, 14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. 15 **For such is the will of God** that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. 16 Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. 17 Honor all men; love the brother-hood, fear God, honor the king.

- Christians are exhorted to **submit to whom?**
- Though this may be distasteful to us because of the wickedness of such people or the seeming foolishness or unfairness of the laws enacted by such people, **why must he do this anyway?**

**“SENSIBLE, RIGHTEOUS, GODLY” LIVING
DEMANDS OBEDIENCE TO CIVIL LAWS.**

IO - DOES IT CAUSE YOU TO
HAVE A SHARE IN WHAT IS SINFUL?

1 Cor. 10:14-21

14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

15 I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say.

16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

18 Look at the nation Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?

19 What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

20 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.

21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

- When Christians partake of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine in an assembly in the name of Christ and following prayers exalting the death of Christ, what do these actions connote?

- What did it mean when an Israelite ate his share of the animal sacrificed at the altar at the temple in Jerusalem?

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- When Gentiles gathered in a pagan temple to eat meat that had been sacrificed in honor of an idol, what was the significance of partaking in that feast?

- For thought: Can Christians be guilty of sharing in idolatry while not believing in idols?

YES

LIVING “SENSIBLY, RIGHTEOUSLY, AND GODLY” IN THIS PRESENT WORLD WILL CAUSE US TO WEIGH WHETHER A SITUATION WE INVOLVE OURSELVES IN WOULD PUT US IN A POSITION OF HAVING FELLOWSHIP WITH SOMETHING THAT IS CONTRARY TO CHRIST AND WHAT HE STANDS FOR.

DisHonesty

OBJECTIVE:

ENCOURAGE CHRISTIANS TO
PERFECT HONESTY.

Definition

OPPOSITE OF:

1. MARKED BY OR DISPLAYING INTEGRITY; UPRIGHT.
2. NOT DECEPTIVE OR FRAUDULENT.
3. EQUITABLE; FAIR.
4. A. CHARACTERIZED BY TRUTH; NOT FALSE. B. SINCERE; FRANK.

Whose “Child” are you?

Deu. 7:9

9 “Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments.”

- Highlight the words and phrases that show God to be a God of truth and trustworthiness.

2 Sam. 7:28

28 “And now, O Lord GOD, Thou art God, and Thy words are truth and Thou hast promised this good thing to Thy servant.”

Psa. 31:5

5 “Into Thy hand I commit my spirit; Thou hast ransomed me, O LORD, God of truth.”

Acts 27:25

25 “Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God, that it will turn out exactly as I have been told.”

Heb. 6:18

18 “in order that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of the hope set before us.”

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Gen. 3:13

13 “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Cor. 11:3

But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

John 8:44

44 “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.”

- Highlight the words and phrases that show Satan to be a being of deceitfulness, scheming, and lying.

Eph. 6:11

11 “Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.”

John 8:39, 42, 44

39 They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus *said to them, “If you are Abraham's children, **do the deeds of Abraham.**”

42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, **you would love Me;** for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.

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- Highlight the phrases that show **what it means** according to these scriptures to be a “child of” God or of the devil.

I John 3:7-9

7 Little children, let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

8 the one who practices sin is **of the devil**; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

- Question for thought: If one who was baptized for the remission of sins upon their faith in Christ is now a dishonest person, according to these scriptures **whose “child”** is he?

Exhortations and Examples

Eph. 4:17, 25, 28

17 This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind.

25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH, EACH ONE of you, WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another...

28 Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have something to share with him who has need.

- Mark the phrases that are exhortations to honesty.
- Circle or underline the phrase that shows dishonesty is worldliness.

Jam. 5:12

12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but let your yes be yes, and your no, no; so that you may not fall under judgment.

- Mark the phrases that are exhortations to honesty.

Rom. 13:7-10

7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. 9 For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.

1 Thess. 2:3

3 For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit;

- In both scriptures, mark the phrases that discuss dishonesty in conduct.

2 Cor. 1:17

17 Therefore, I was not vacillating when I intended to do this, was I? Or that which I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yes, yes and no, no at the same time?

- Circle the phrase in the second scripture that puts dishonesty in the category of worldliness (See Gal. 5:19f.)