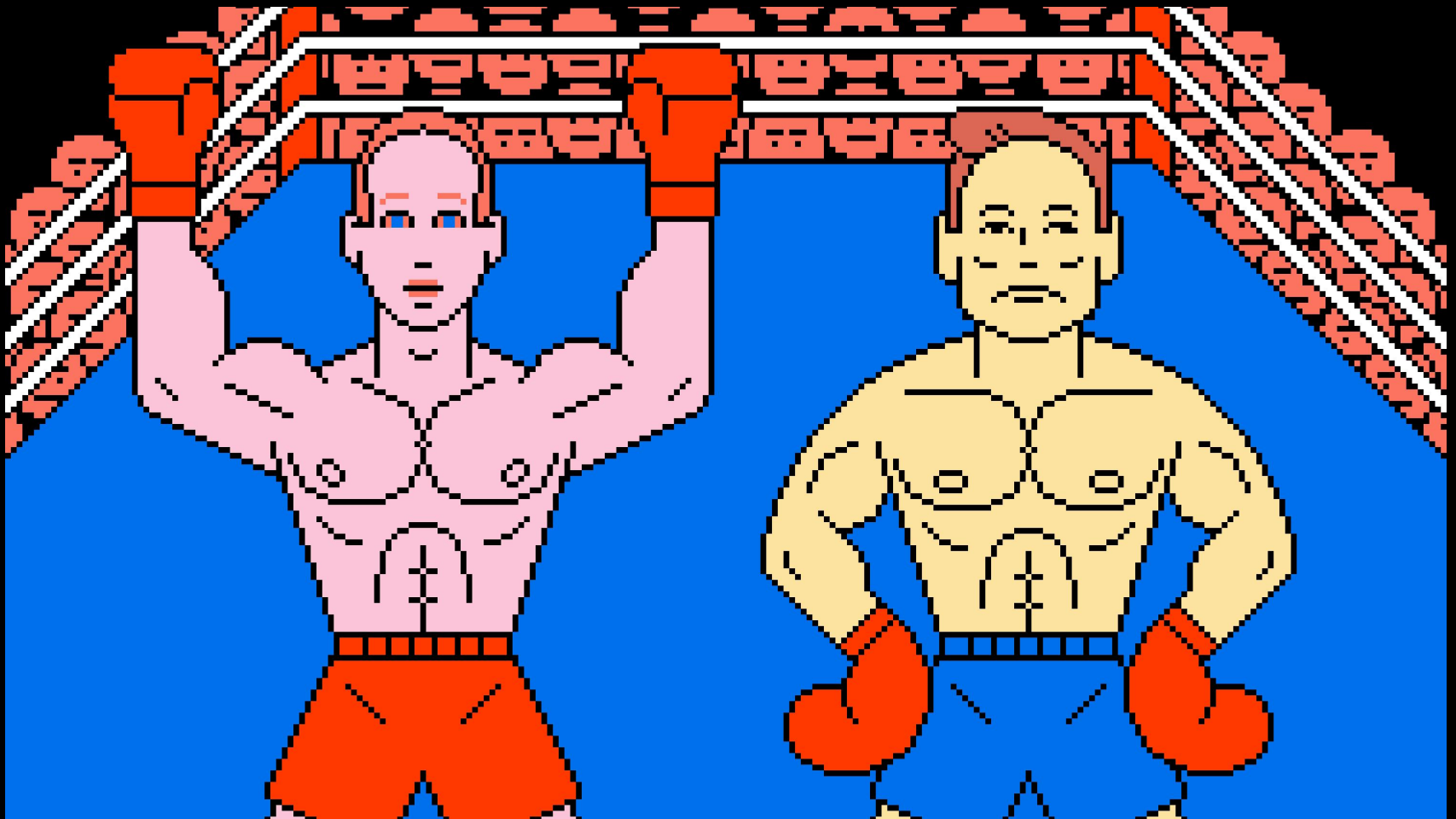


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OLD SELF VS NEW SELF



16/07/23 Part 1: Struggling with the old self

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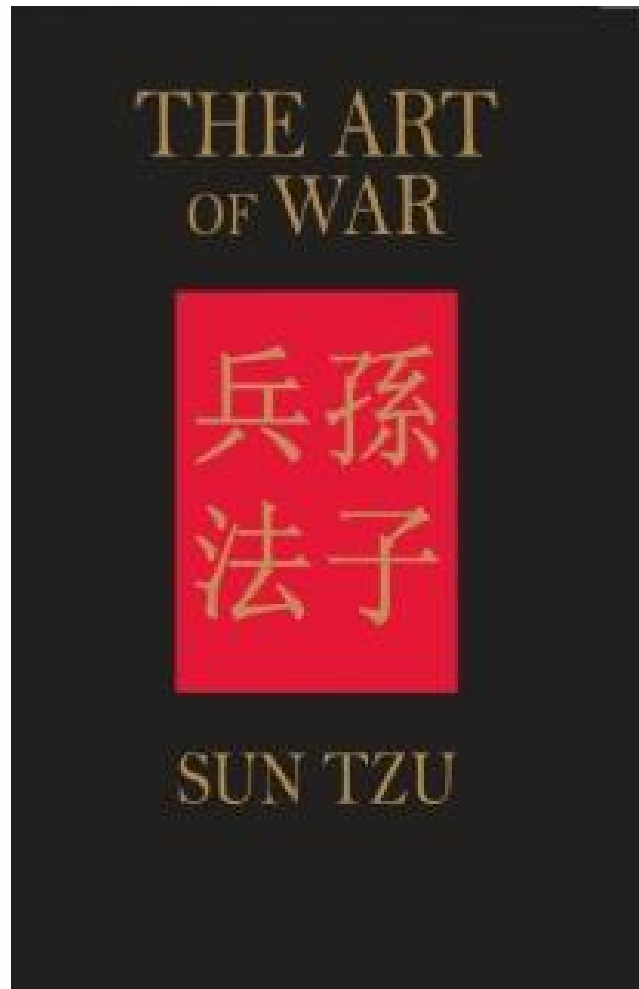
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⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (**for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth**) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

Ephesians 5:3-13

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, **how you live—not as unwise but as wise**, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore **do not be foolish**, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Fighting sin requires wisdom



1. Fighting sin requires *Godly* wisdom

Armour of God

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand (Ephesians 6:13 KJV).

← **Helmet of Salvation**
(Ephesians 6:17)

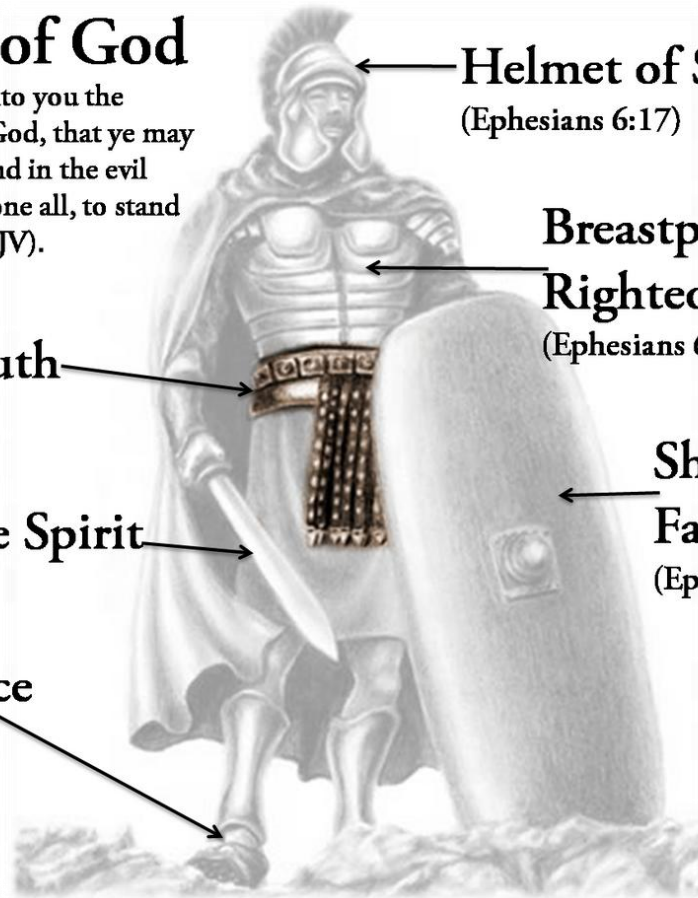
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“But wisdom is proved right by *her* deeds.”
Matthew 11:19

”But wisdom is proved right by all *her* children.”
Luke 7:35



A wife of noble character who can find?
She is **worth far more** than rubies.

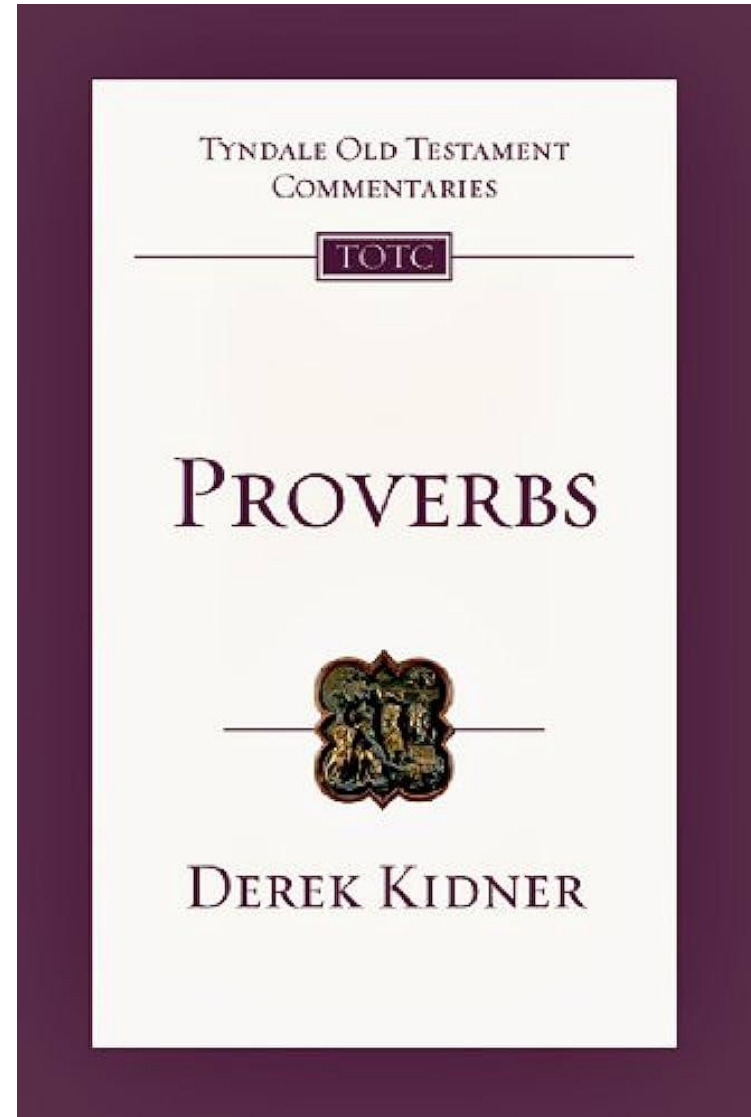
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For the fruit of the light consists in all **goodness, righteousness and truth.** Ephesians 5:9

“Goodness and wisdom are not 2 separate qualities, **but two aspects of a single whole.**”

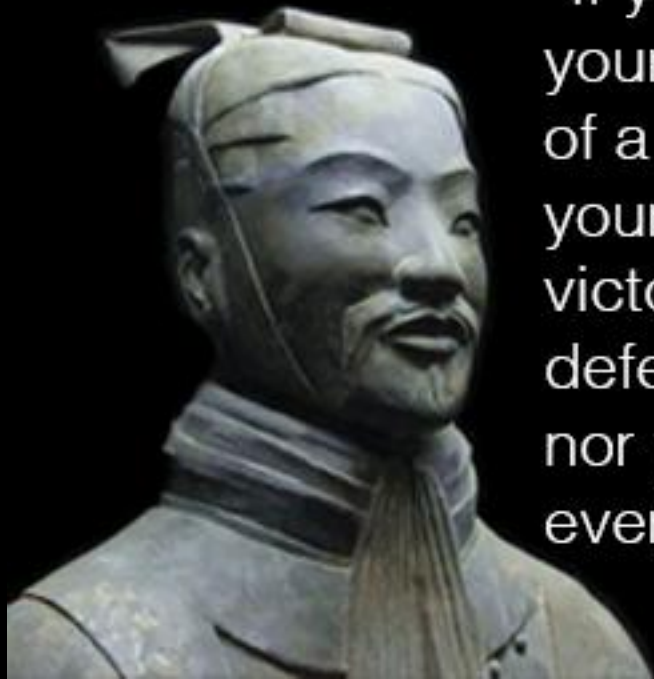
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- Fighting sin without wisdom is like having faith without works.
- Many Christians feel defeated with sin in their lives because they don't use godly wisdom.
- Godly wisdom is centered on the power of the Cross (Ephesians 1:19-20).

- Fighting sin requires godly wisdom
- We are often deceived by not knowing the full devastating impact of sin



“If you know your enemy and yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle” - Sun Tzu, The Art of War

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3. You then push the limits of your depravity

“It’s normal to do this”



“I can’t stop”



“I need more”

GAMING ADDICTION AND ROLE OF DOPAMINE



Compulsive Shopping Disorder Characteristics



Trouble holding off unnecessary purchases



Preoccupation with shopping for unneeded items



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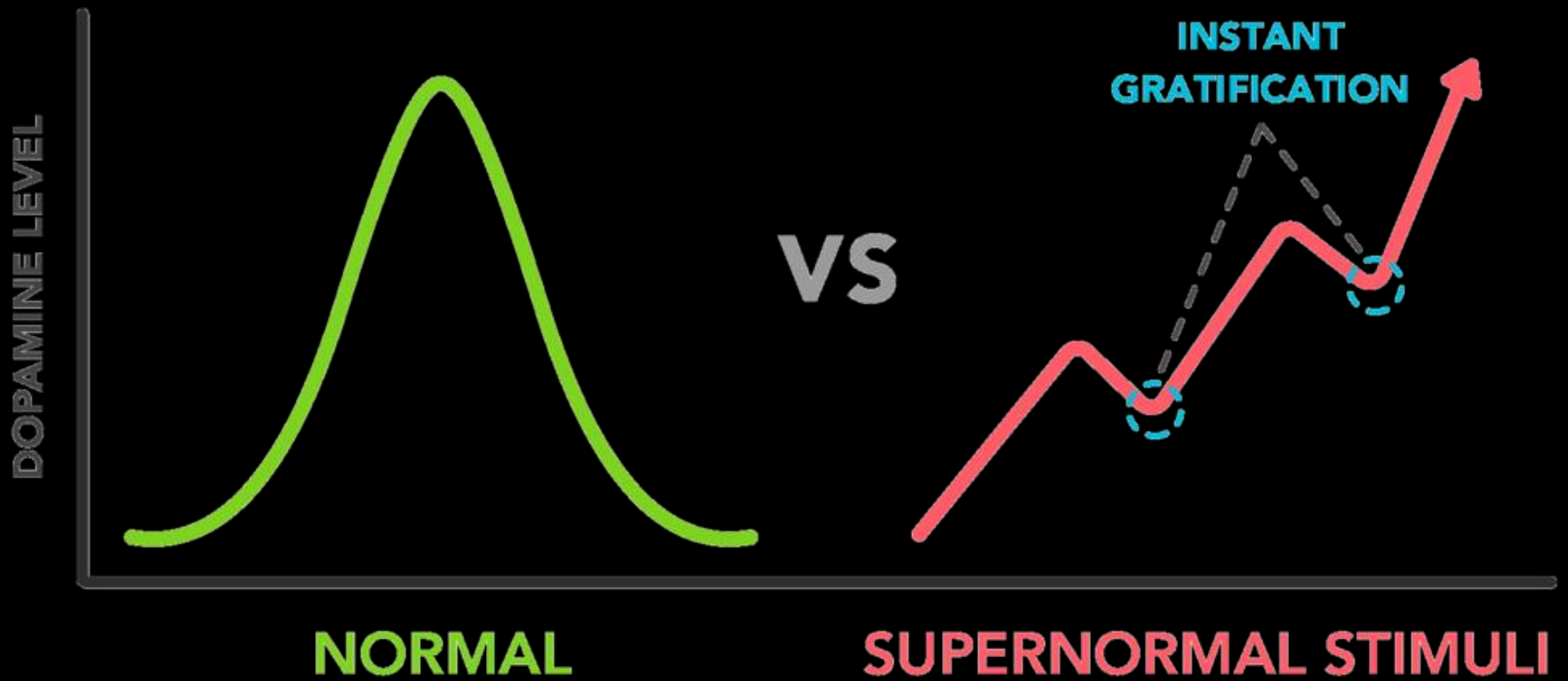


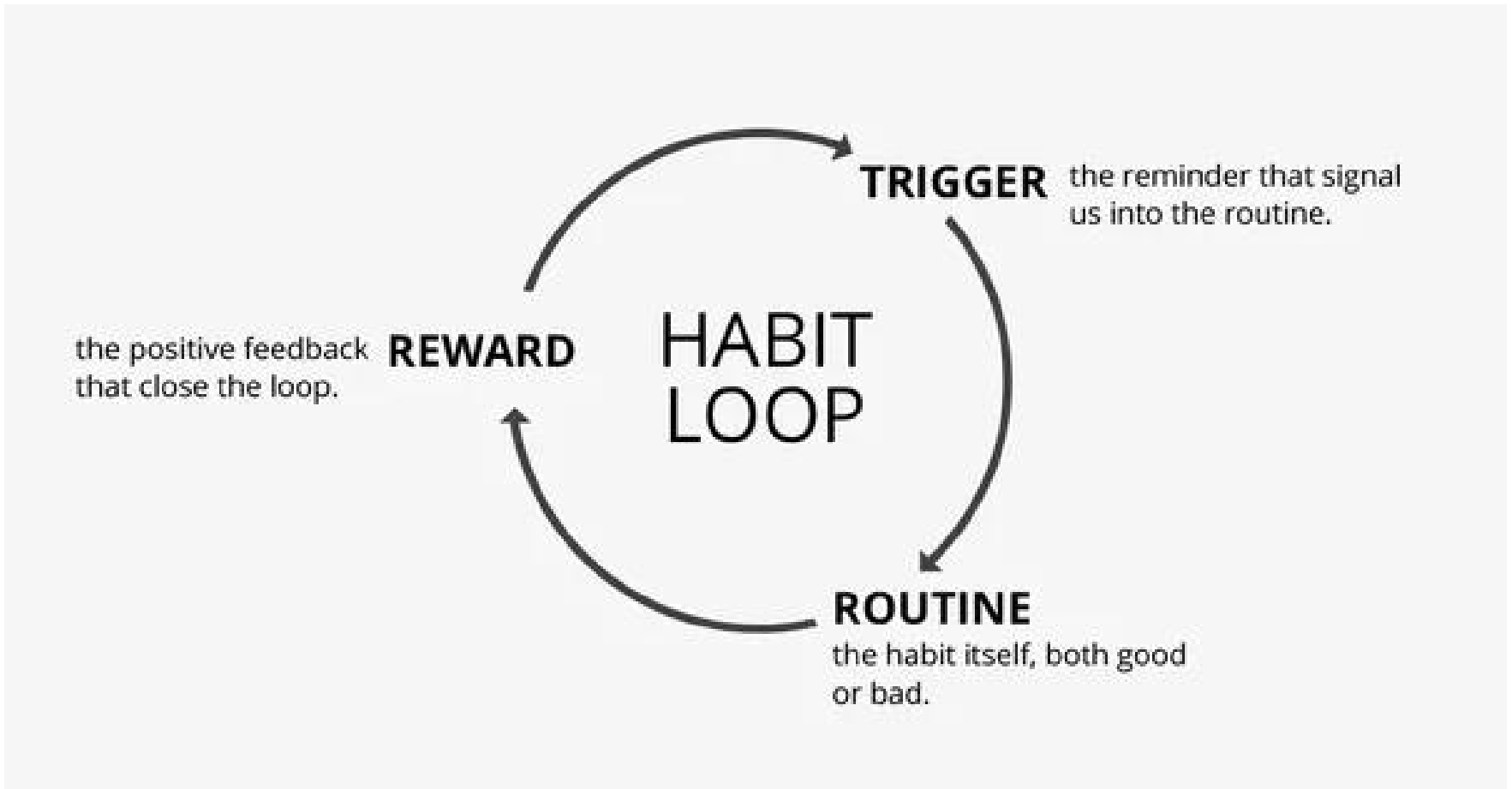
Relationship, work, and home problems linked to spending

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NEWS

**Ravi Zacharias' Sexual
Misconduct Confirmed By
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<https://churchleaders.com/outreach-missions/417160-one-year-later-what-have-i-learned-from-the-ravi-zacharias-scandal.html>

We were 24 students from six continents, who converged at RZIM's European epicenter for the 2016-17 school year to be trained in apologetics and evangelism while studying theology full-time at Oxford University. Every cohort had one session with Ravi and this was our turn. Just before Ravi was introduced, we were instructed not to ask apologetics questions because his repertoire of convincing arguments could all be found online and in his books. This was our chance to ask about anything else we wanted to know about him or ministry life. *How cool*, I thought.

I wanted this to be a teaching moment to prevent future sex scandals, if nothing else, at least among my peers before they would be scattered across the globe to various ministry assignments. After 40-plus scandal-free years of ministry, I figured Ravi knew a thing or two about what it takes to maintain sexual integrity. Turns out I figured wrong.

His answer took more than eight minutes and he said all the right things, mentioning the need to be careful about what he called the three G's (gold, girls, and glory) and discussed the need for accountability. In hindsight, at the time of my question and according to the final report he was likely already wallowing in the moral mudpit. The investigators determined that as early as 2014, Ravi's sexual misconduct was well underway.

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How the devil deceives you over sin – he tells you lies

- “You can’t overcome sin.”
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"Today, if you hear his voice,
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Hebrews 3:12-13

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- *Do you harden your heart when He speaks to you?*

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FOREWORD BY R. C. SPROUL

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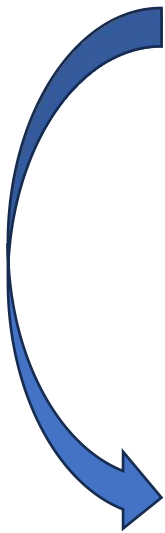
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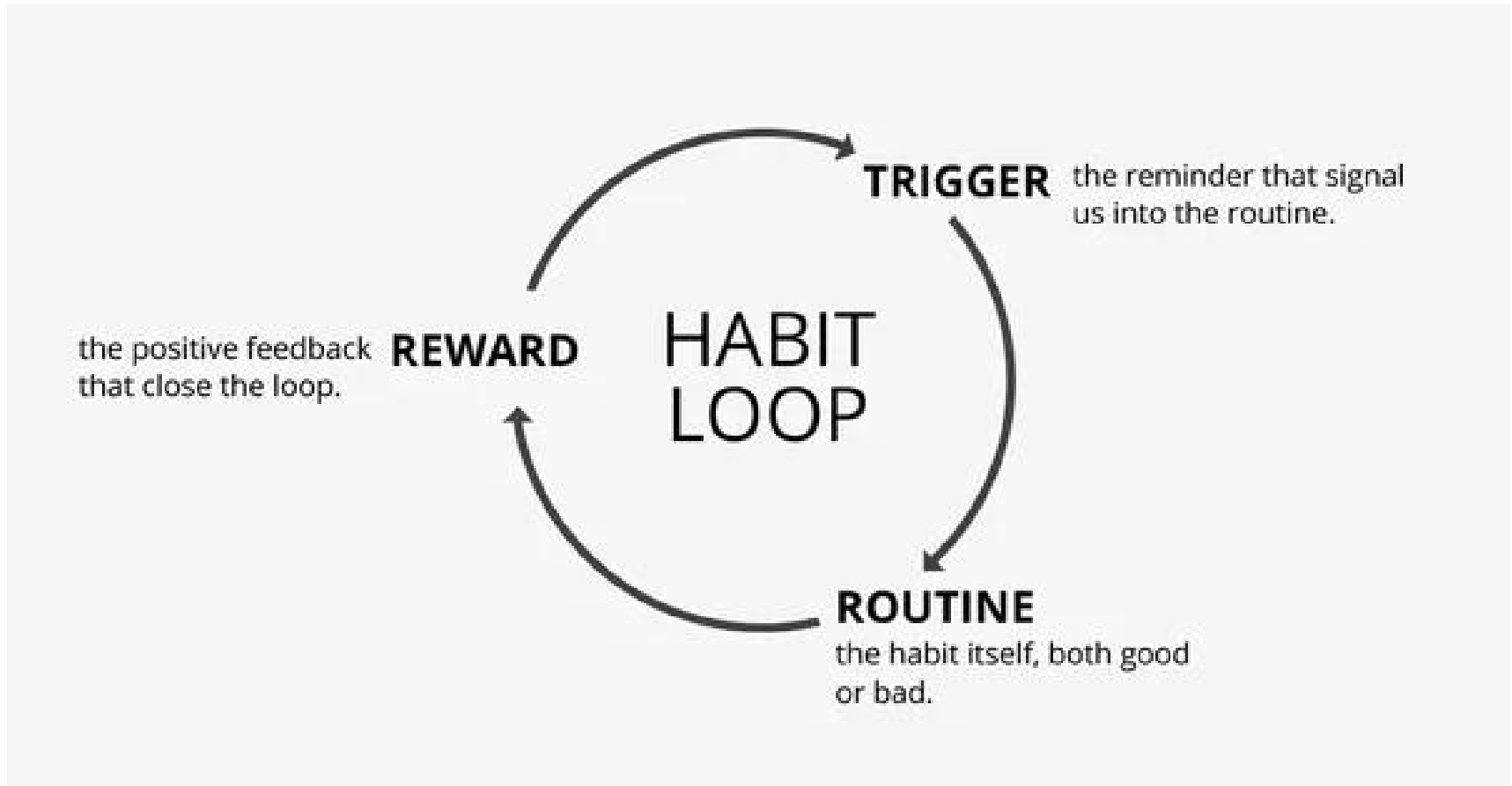


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Philippians 4:4-7

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, **whatever is true**, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think about such things**. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—**put it into practice**. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9



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Developing godly habits

- Mental habits – what do you think about most of the time? What you think most of the time is what you are worshipping.
- Pray and ask God to develop small godly habits that will spill over to other habits.
- Remember the Lord is fighting for you. You just need to be firm.
- Ask for the power of the Cross when you are fighting sin.

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