



The Gospel

In All of Life

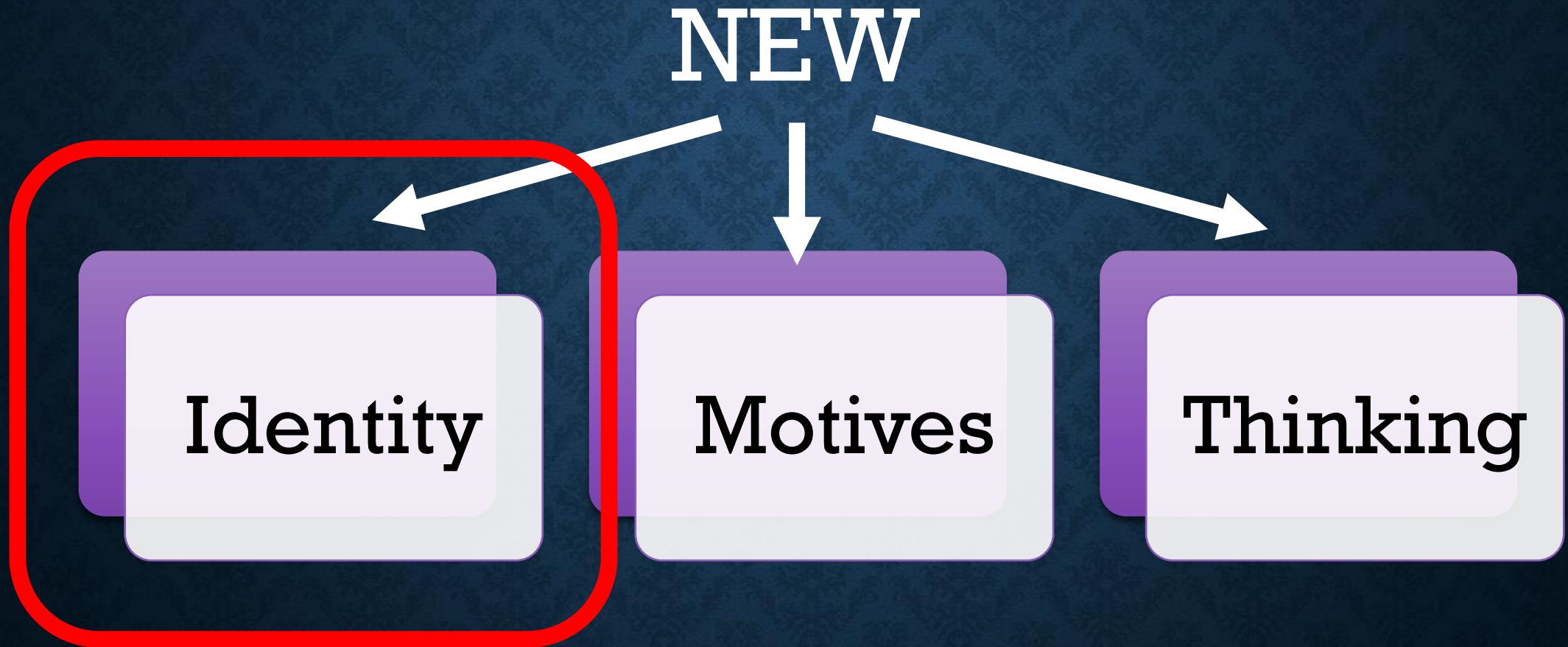
Study 5: Challenges to Spiritual Transformation

THE NEED FOR GOSPEL RENEWAL

- 1) Why don't I grow in Christ?
- 2) What are the two most common impediments to my growth?

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

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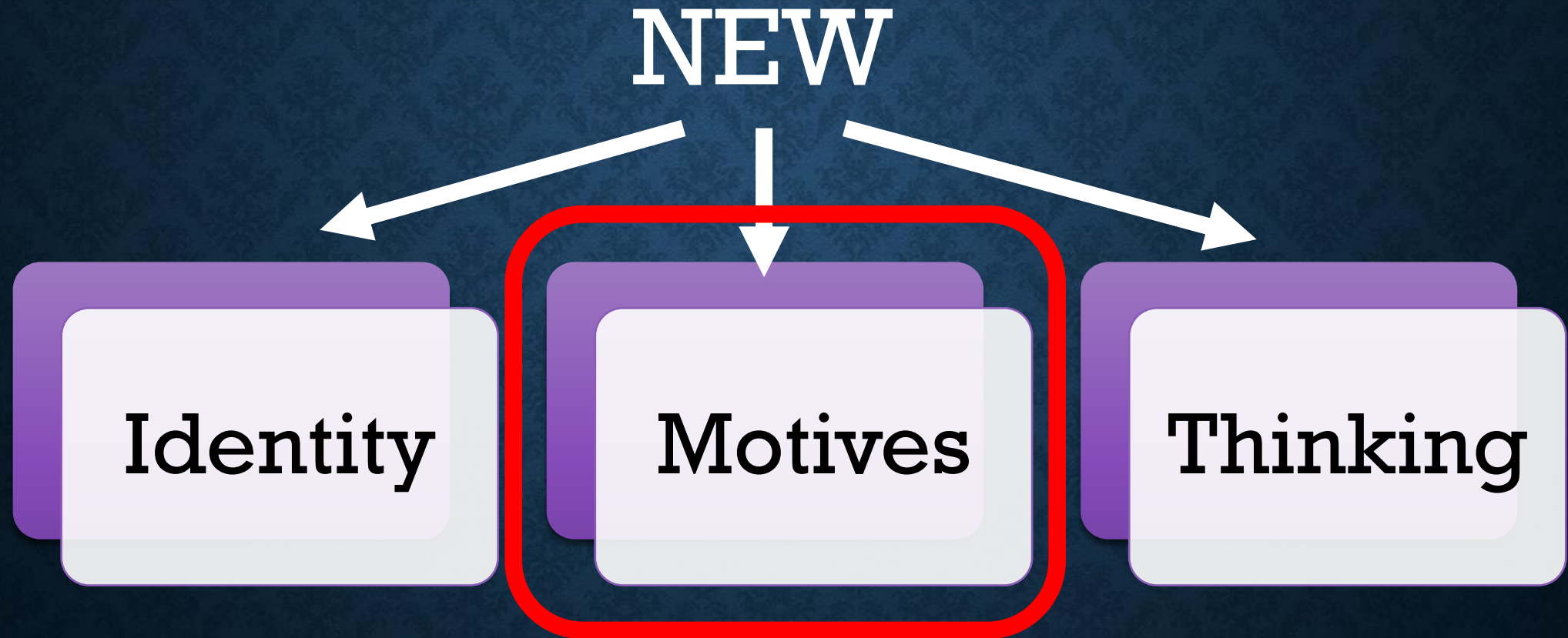


OUR CHANGE OF IDENTITY

Ephesians 4:22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

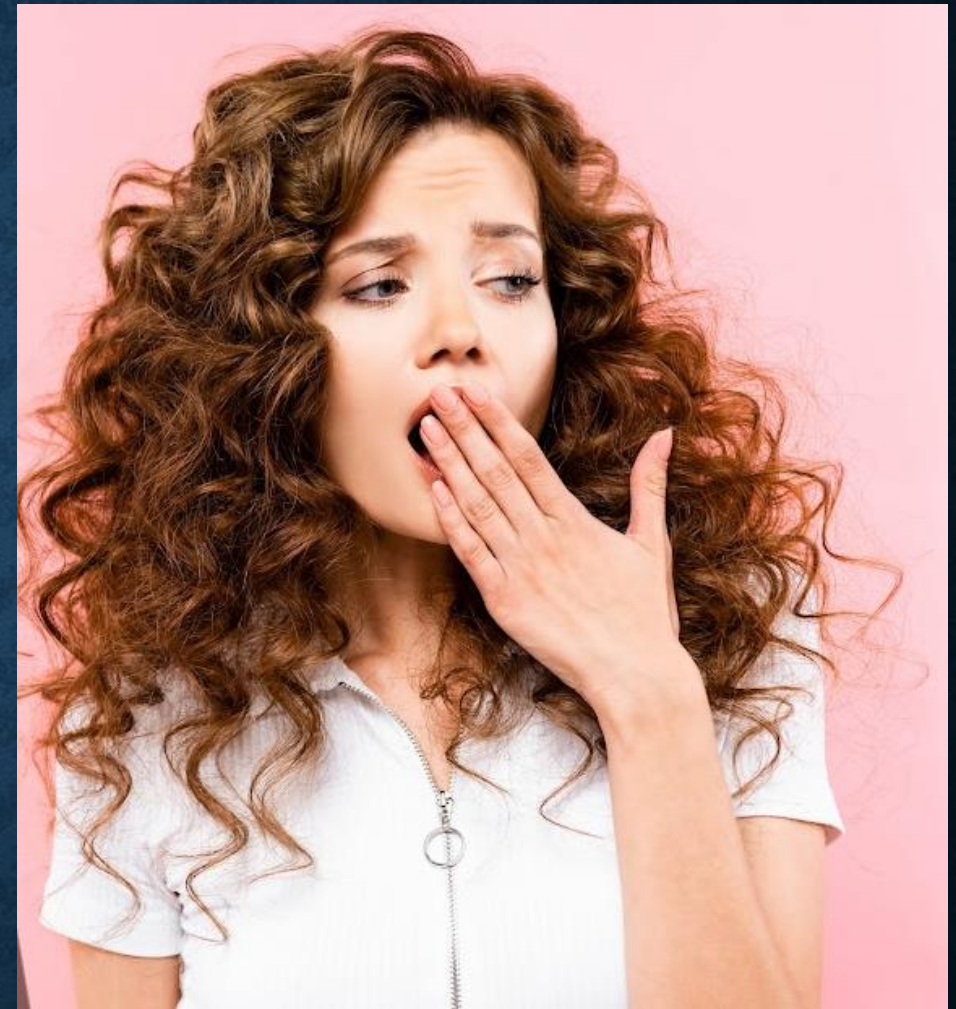
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How can I make
reading the Bible
LESS BORING?





FRUSTRATION AND GUILT

MOTIVES

Idols

Calvin

False Identities

Kierkegaard

Disordered loves

Augustine



Martin Luther

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,
- III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain;
- IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- V. Honor thy father and thy mother:
- VI. Thou shalt not kill.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal.
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- X. Thou shalt not covet



TIM KELLER
COUNTERFEIT GODS

An idol is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, and anything that you seek to give you what only God can give.

WHICH IS MORE EXCITING



WHICH PRIORITY





AUGUSTINE: DISORDERED LOVES

Out of our misery there is a
natural and universal quest
for happiness

Each object of love can give only so much satisfaction and no more. Happiness requires that an object of love contain a sufficient amount of whatever it takes to fulfill or satisfy human need







Love is disordered when it seeks final happiness in temporal and finite objects, an action which engenders all kinds of pathologies in human behavior.



MISDIRECTED LOVE

- Proud
- Envious
- Wrathful

EXCESSIVE LOVE



- Lust
- Gluttony
- Greed

TEMPORAL NATURE OF THE WORLD

1 John 2:17 And the world is
passing away along with its
desires, but whoever does the will
of God abides forever

Good things happen



Base level of happiness

Bad things happen



Time

Consumption and Happiness

in the United States

**THERE IS NO
CORRELATION
BETWEEN
CONSUMPTION
AND HAPPINESS**



Chart courtesy of OilPoster.org

From U.S. Census Bureau and D. G. A.



THE EFFECTS OF SIN

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graph TD; A[THE EFFECTS OF SIN] --> B[Alienation]; A --> C[Corruption]; A --> D[Slavery];
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Alienation

Enemies with God
Death

Corruption

Sin affects the total person
Physically, mentally, volitionally,
emotionally, spiritually
Shame
Guilt

Slavery

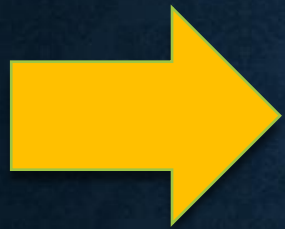
Addiction to
Satan's rule

CONSEQUENCES

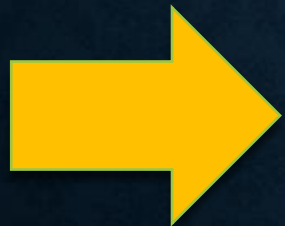
2 Timothy 4:10 For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica

Matthew 13:22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful

PROPERLY ORDERED LOVE



God



God

LOVE OF WORLD

L
A
S
C
More of world less of a human
more animal like

Answer to worldliness is not less love
but more love in right
direction..towards God

LOVE OF GOD

Leaves us yearning for Him
Spiritually Enriched
Peace in community
More human-image of God

A JEALOUS GOD--LOVE SO GREAT THAT YEARNS FOR THE GOOD OF MAN

James 4:5-7 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God.

A close-up portrait of Søren Kierkegaard, showing his face and curly hair. He has a serious expression and is wearing a dark coat with a white cravat.

SOREN KIERKEGAARD

What we call worldliness simply consists of such people who, if one may so express it, pawn themselves to the world. They use their abilities, amass wealth, carry out worldly enterprises, make prudent calculations, etc., and perhaps are mentioned in history, but they are not themselves. In a spiritual sense they have no self."

False Identities

Human identity is no longer founded on what one does but on one owns



Human beings continually seek to ground their identity in many “others” and human persons and groups



IF I HAVE THIS I WILL FEEL LOVED JUSTIFIED AND ACCEPTED

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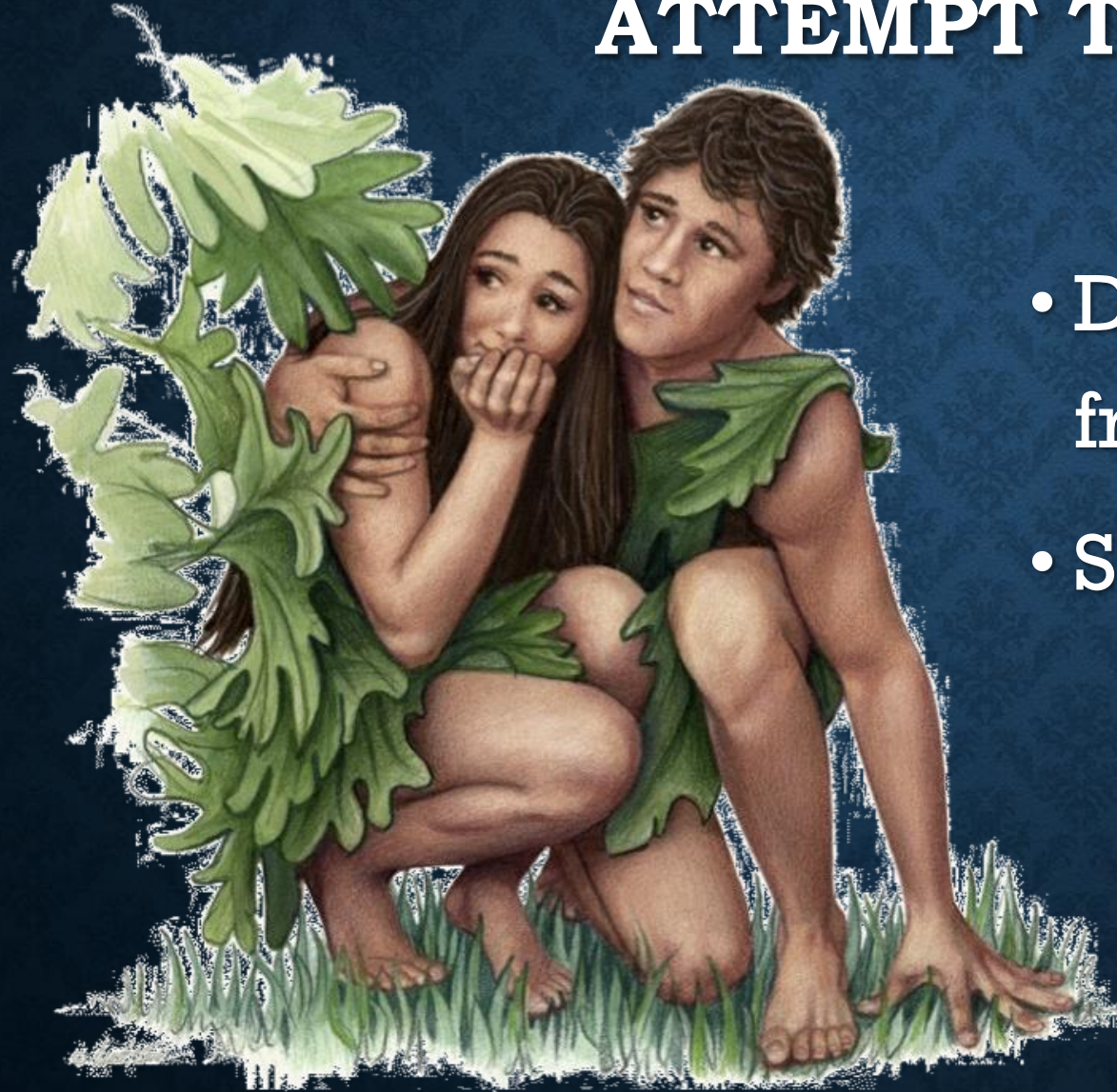
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ATTEMPT TO SELF JUSTIFY



- Default mode to hide from God
- Self centeredness

The gospel creates a whole new motivation and passion—an inner fire, so to speak—for holiness and godly changes to our lives. The old motive was self-interest, likely a drive to be holy in order to receive blessings and acceptance into heaven.

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