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SERIES

EPHESIANS

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE, EMPOWERED BY PEACE

STUDY 16 CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

Ephesians 5:1-21



Living and working out spiritual
transformation in the church

EPHESIANS 5

1. Children of the Light v1-21
2. Marriage made in heaven v 22-33

THE FAMILY IMPERATIVE

Ephesians 5:1-6 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God

FAMILY METAPHOR



Identity
Love
DNA



EARL AND TIGER



TIGER AND CHARLIE

FAMILIAL DNA IDENTITY---GOLF

GOD'S DNA= LOVE

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DOCTRINE AND ETHIC

Natural routine, normal
Continuous, Daily
No need to think

Intermittent , sporadic
At a whim



THE GOSPEL MOTIVATION OF OUR BEHAVIOUR

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“The essence of Christian theology is grace, and the essence of Christian ethics is gratitude.”

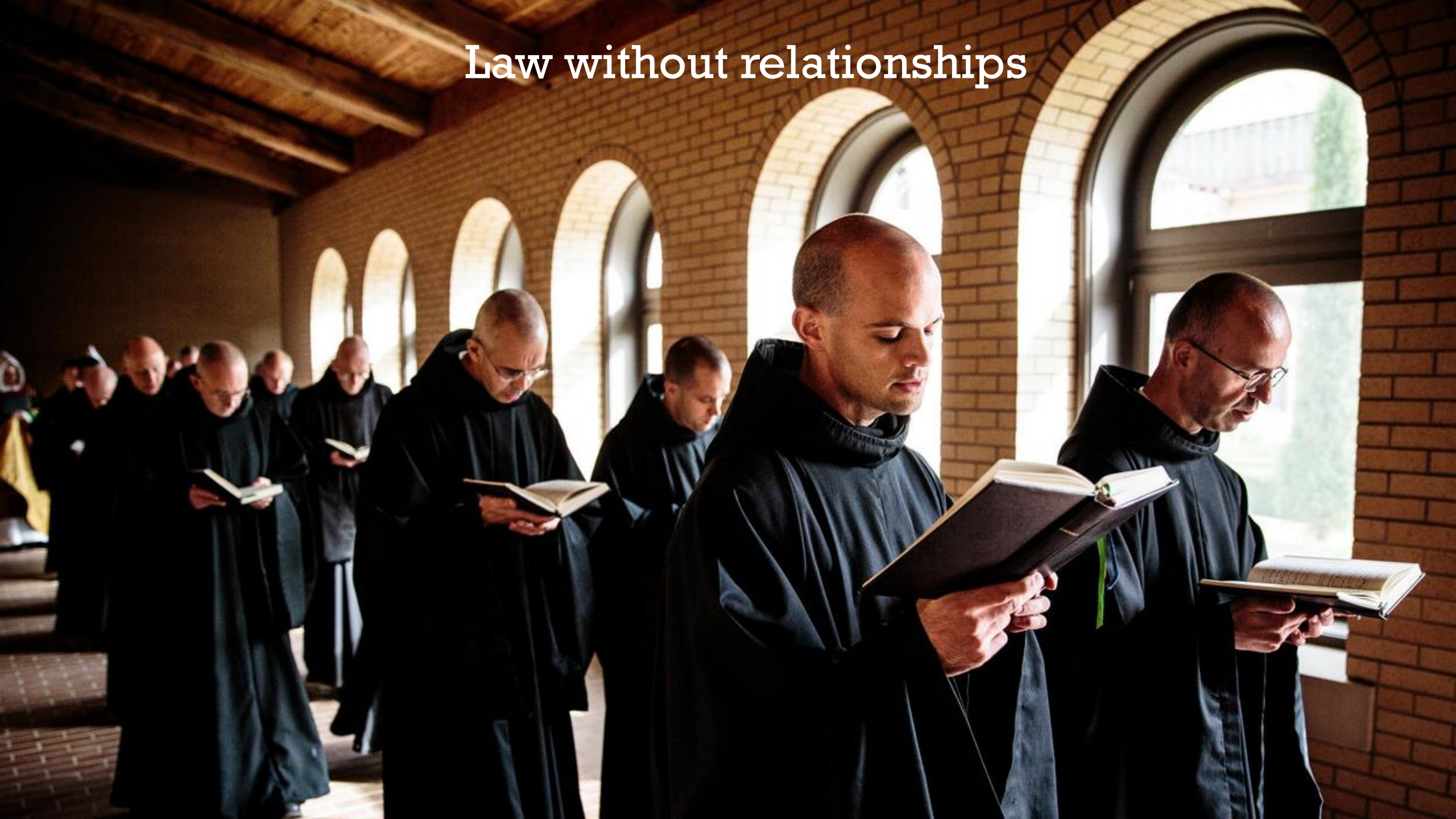
LEGALISM



PROBLEMS

- Superficial
- Temporary
- Burdensome
- Ineffective

Law without relationships





THE LETTER OF THE LAW BUT NOT THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW

Mark 2:27-28 (ESV) And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

CATEGORIES OF SABBATH WORK PROHIBITED

1. Carrying

2. Burning

3. Extinguishing

4. Finishing

5. Writing

6. Erasing

7. Cooking

8. Washing

9. Sewing

10. Tearing

11. Knotting

12. Untying

13. Shaping

14. Plowing

15. Planting

16. Reaping

17. Harvesting

18. Threshing

19. Winnowing

20. Selecting

21. Sifting

22. Grinding

23. Kneading

24. Combing

25. Spinning

26. Dyeing

27. Chain-stitching

28. Warping

29. Weaving

30. Unraveling

31. Building

32. Demolishing

33. Trapping

34. Shearing

35. Slaughtering

36. Skinning

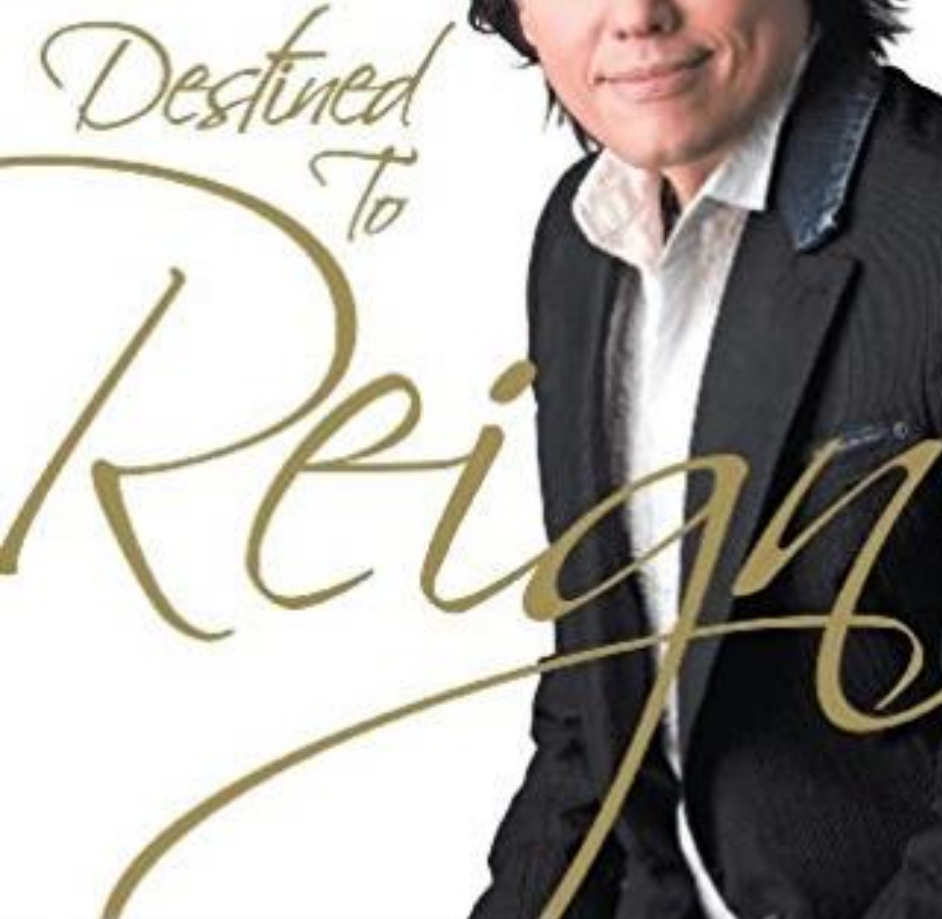
37. Tanning

38. Smoothing

39. Marking

The secret to
effortless success,
wholeness and
victorious living

*Destined
To*
Reign



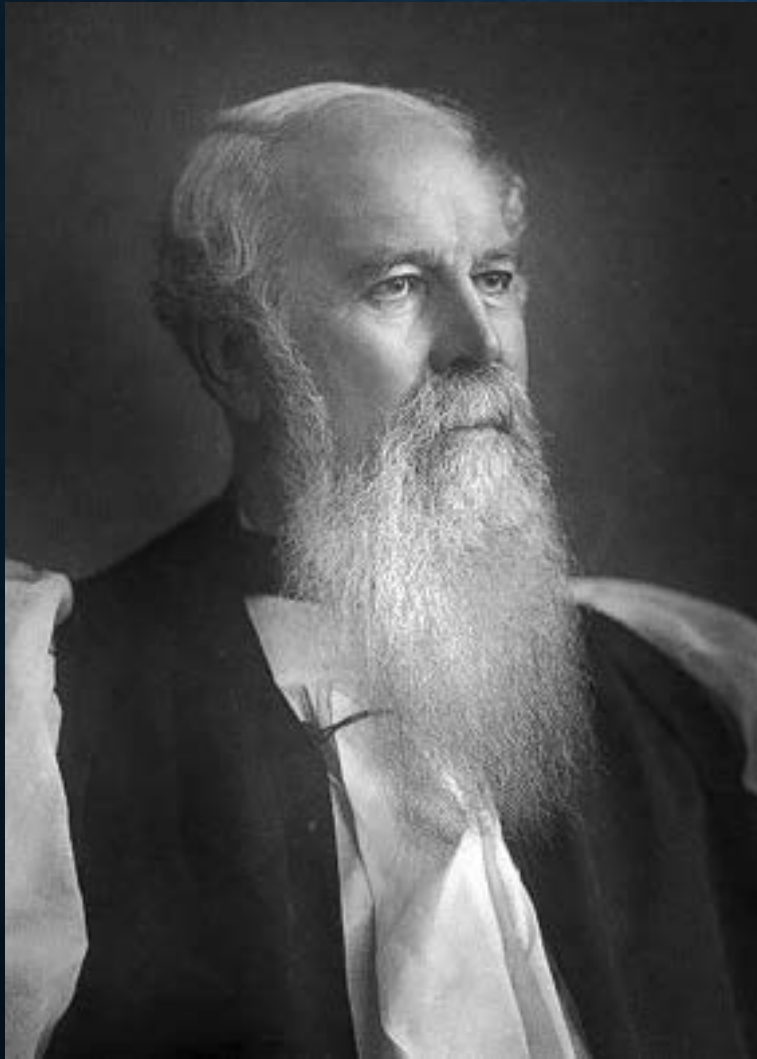
JOSEPH PRINCE

HYPERGRACE

- Must not preach 10 commandments because the law kills and will lead to sickness and depression
- Christian life is effortless
- No need to confess our sins
- God never punishes the believer for his sins in the new covenant

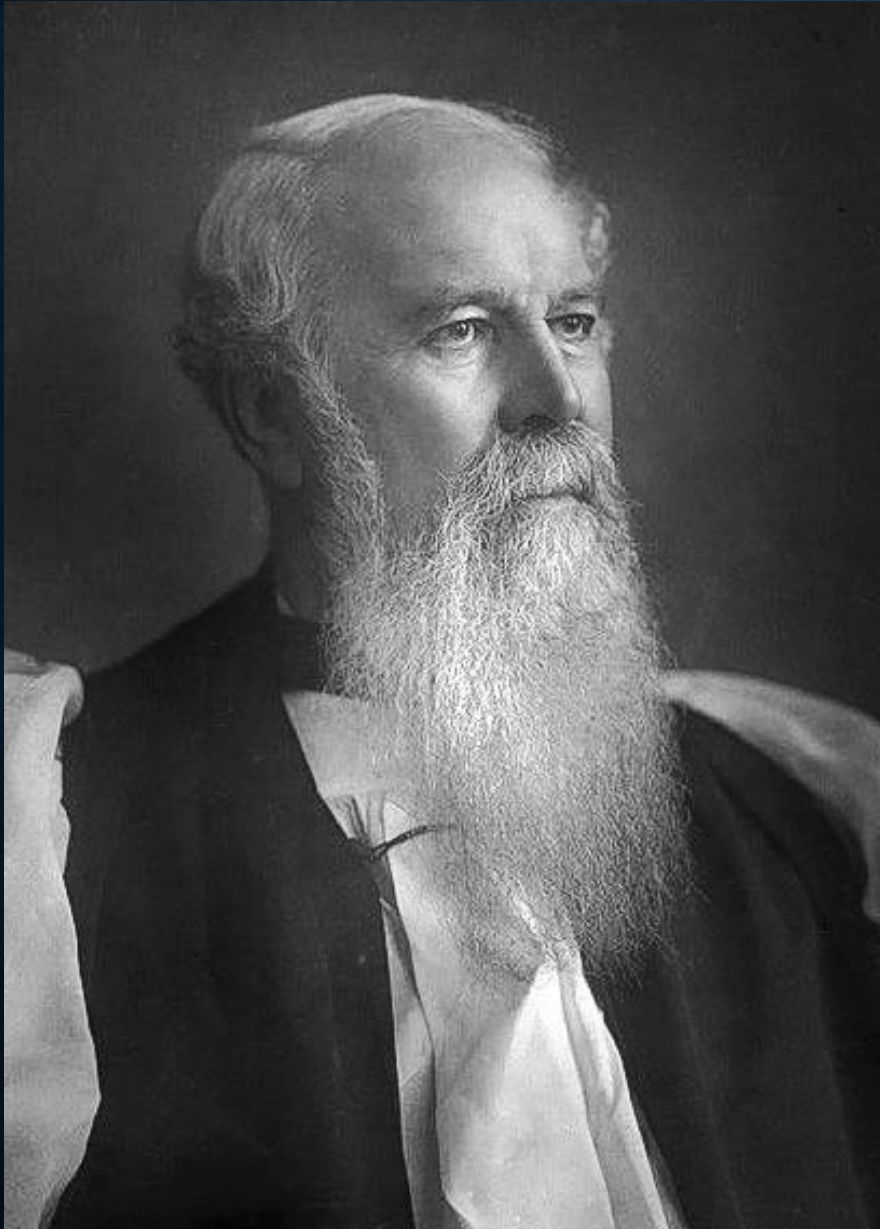
2 Timothy 4:6-7 (ESV) For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have **fought the good fight** I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

BISHOP JC RYLE



There are thousands of men and women who go to churches and chapels every Sunday and call themselves Christians. They make a "profession" of faith in Christ. Their names are in the baptismal register. They are reckoned Christians while they live. They are married with a Christian marriage service. They *mean* to be buried as Christians when they die. But you never see any "fight" about their religion! Of spiritual strife and exertion and conflict and self-denial and watching and warring — they know literally nothing at all.

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**True Christianity
is "a fight!"**

NO MORE CONDEMNATION



PURPOSE OF GRACE IS
FOR US TO LIVE HOLY
LIVES-FREE TO LIVE THE
RIGHT WAY

PROHIBITIONS

3. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving

THREE TYPE OF SINS

Sexual immorality

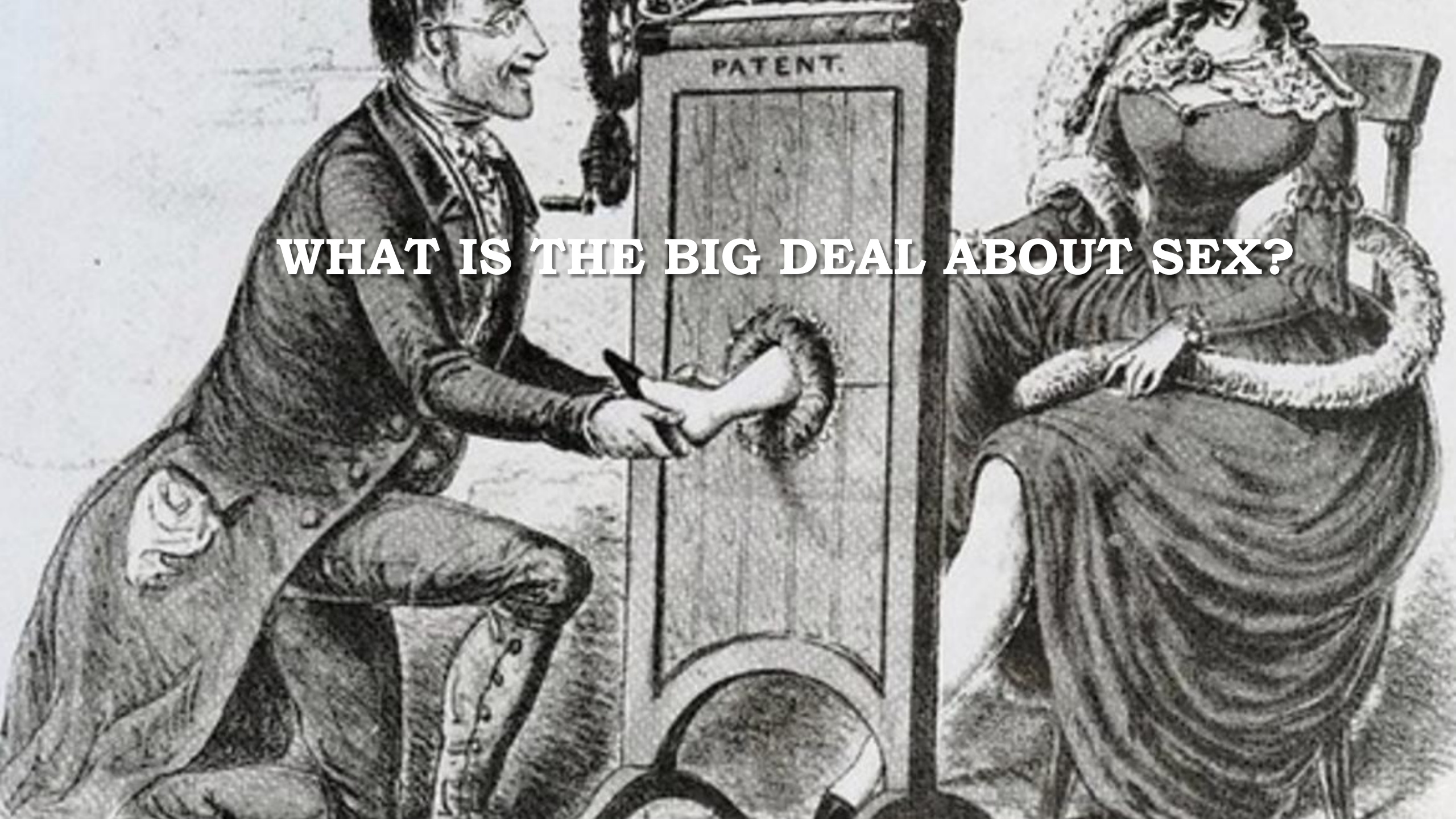
Covetousness

Speech sins

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a smartphone. The phone's screen displays a blurry image of a person, likely a woman, in a suggestive pose. The text "The world of pornography" is overlaid in white, serif font on the right side of the screen. The background is out of focus, showing a person in a white top and a blue wall with a white circular logo.

The world of pornography

WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL ABOUT SEX?





The value of sex

- Cannot bring your cup of coffee in the room
- Cannot touch the portrait
- Cannot spit on it
- Cannot incur exposure to harsh light
- Cannot be exposed to damp conditions
- Temperature must be perfect

SEX

- Unitive act of commitment
- Reflects communion with God.. The exclusivity heightens the pleasure
- Echo of the future consummation of our relationship with God
- In OT God is husband
- God puts Himself in us fruit is produced
...Fruit of Spirit

LUST

- Goal is self fulfilment
- Object is anyone who can fulfil
- Use the person
- If the person no longer fulfils need cut him off
- Devalues the person

LOVE

- Goal is love for a person
- Partner to build relationship
- Serve the person
- If the person no longer fulfils remain committed
- Values the person

IMMORALITY AND COVETOUSNESS THE SAME

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No difference between public and private morality

MENTIONED IN SAME PUNISHMENT

Amos 2:6-7 (ESV) Thus says the Lord: “For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke its punishment,

Covetousness : Greed and exploitation of poor

because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals—7 those who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth **Sexual Immorality** the way of the afflicted;

a man and his father go in to the same girl, so that my holy name is profaned;



LGBT ---NOT WORSE THAN GREED

The person
covets because
he does not
trusts or
worships God
as God

Ten Commandments

1 - YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER "GODS" BEFORE ME

2 - YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF AN IDOL

3 - YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF GOD IN VAIN

4 - REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY

5 - HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER

6 - YOU SHALL NOT MURDER

7 - YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

8 - YOU SHALL NOT STEAL

9 - YOU SHALL NOT LIE

10 - YOU SHALL NOT COVET

EXAMPLES OF COVETOUSNESS

Envy of others

Anxiety

Risk-taking
Behaviour

Office
manipulations



5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is **covetous (that is, an idolater)**, has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.



MARTIN LUTHER

A man is generous because he trusts God and never doubts but that he will always have enough . In contrast a man is covetous and anxious because he does not trust God . Now faith is the master work man and motivating force behind the good work of generosity

DESCRIPTION OF THE COVETOUS MAN

Proverbs 21:26 (ESV) All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

BASIS OF COVETOUSNESS IS THE FLESH

Flesh is aspect of your life that wants to be god

carrying out the
desires of the body and the mind

What is natural and desirable



- Food
- Comfort
- Sex
- To be useful..competent
- Love and affection
- Power

Genesis 1-3

God

Self

Having dominion



Power

Working the garden

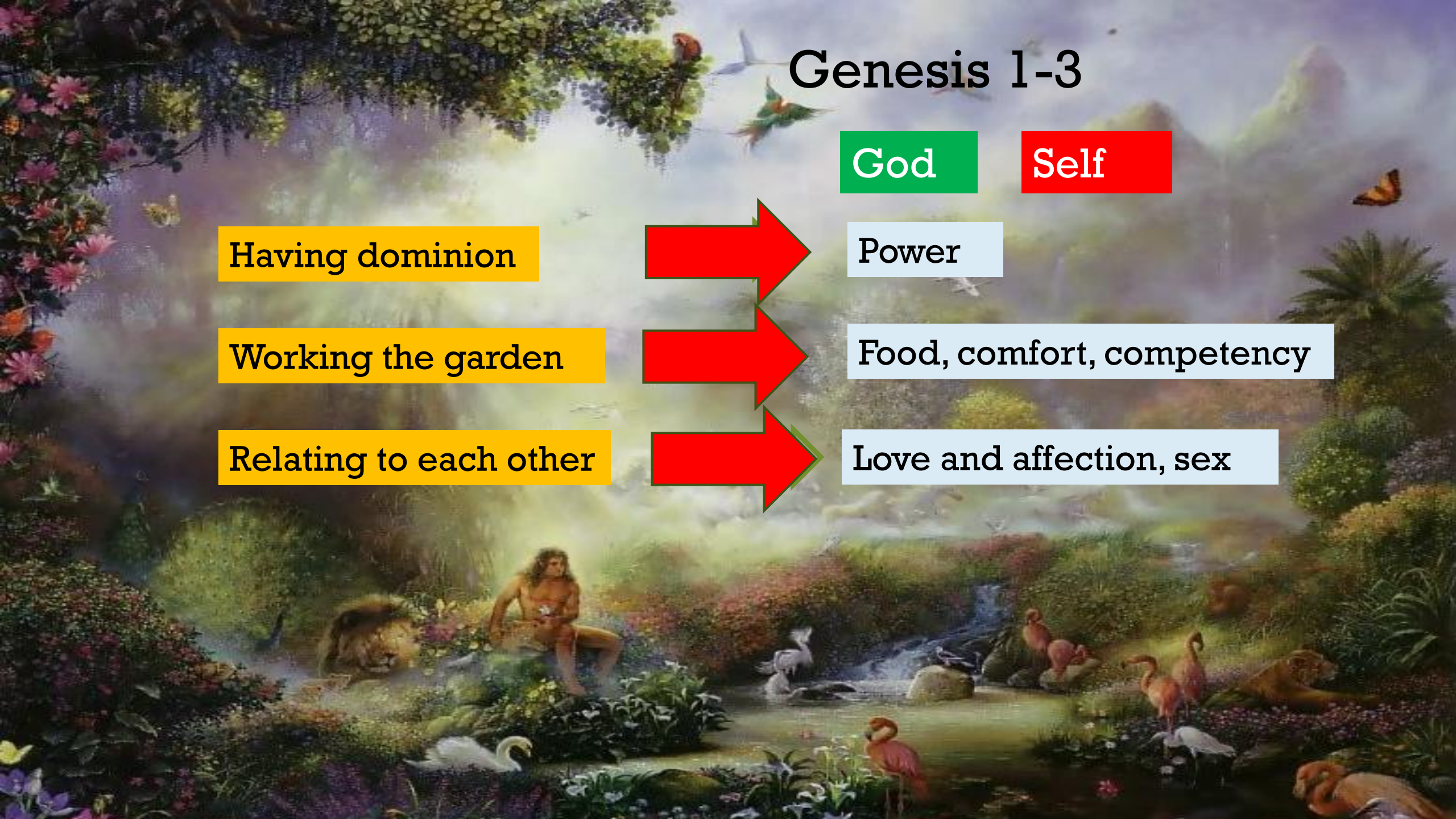


Food, comfort, competency

Relating to each other



Love and affection, sex





AUGUSTINE OF HIPPOO

*“You have made us
and drawn us to
yourself and our
hearts are unquiet
until it rests in you”*

PROF REINHARD HUTTER



If created things are elevated to the position of the ultimate good in point to Him and find ultimate ceaseless exchange, coveting is the fulfilment in Him unavoidable result since none of these If we make these desires our created things will ultimately bring our ultimate goal without God we desiring to a rest. Without desire we would never find ultimate would cease to be human; without God satisfaction and would be less than as desires ultimate end we would human become inhumane

(Twofold Center of Lutheran Ethics)

The command
not to covet
safeguards
both the
worship of the
Lord and the
well being of
our neighbours

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COVETOUSNESS

- 1 Tim 6: 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content
- 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life

WARNING

Ephesians 5:4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. 5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater),

has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

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CALL TO ACTION

Ephesians 5:7-11 (ESV) Therefore do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.



dreamstime

THE GOSPEL CHANGES ON INSIDE

Identity

Motives

Thinking

Beloved children
Loved by Christ
No longer in darkness
Children of the New
Not about being nice but being new
Christ loved us and gave himself up for us
Applaud morality, new take it in side you
Cannot inherit
Fruit of the light
Our job to discern what is right
Our job to expose evil
New people grow humbler
Will face wrath of God

Ephesians 5:12-16 (ESV) For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

If you
have to
decide



HOW DO I DO THIS?

Ephesians 5:17-21 (ESV) Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Flame... Holy Spirit

Our hearts
permanently
changed by
truth of what
Jesus has done
for you

Identity

Thinking

Motivation



A LIFE OF INFINITE JOY



PARALLEL VERSES

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Action

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Action

- Colossians 3:16-17 (ESV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly

Effect

- teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

SPIRIT FILLED LIVING COMMUNITY

Ephesians 5:20-21 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.