

**“in Christ”**

# **My identity in Christ**

Galatians 2: 19-21

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# Old self/New self

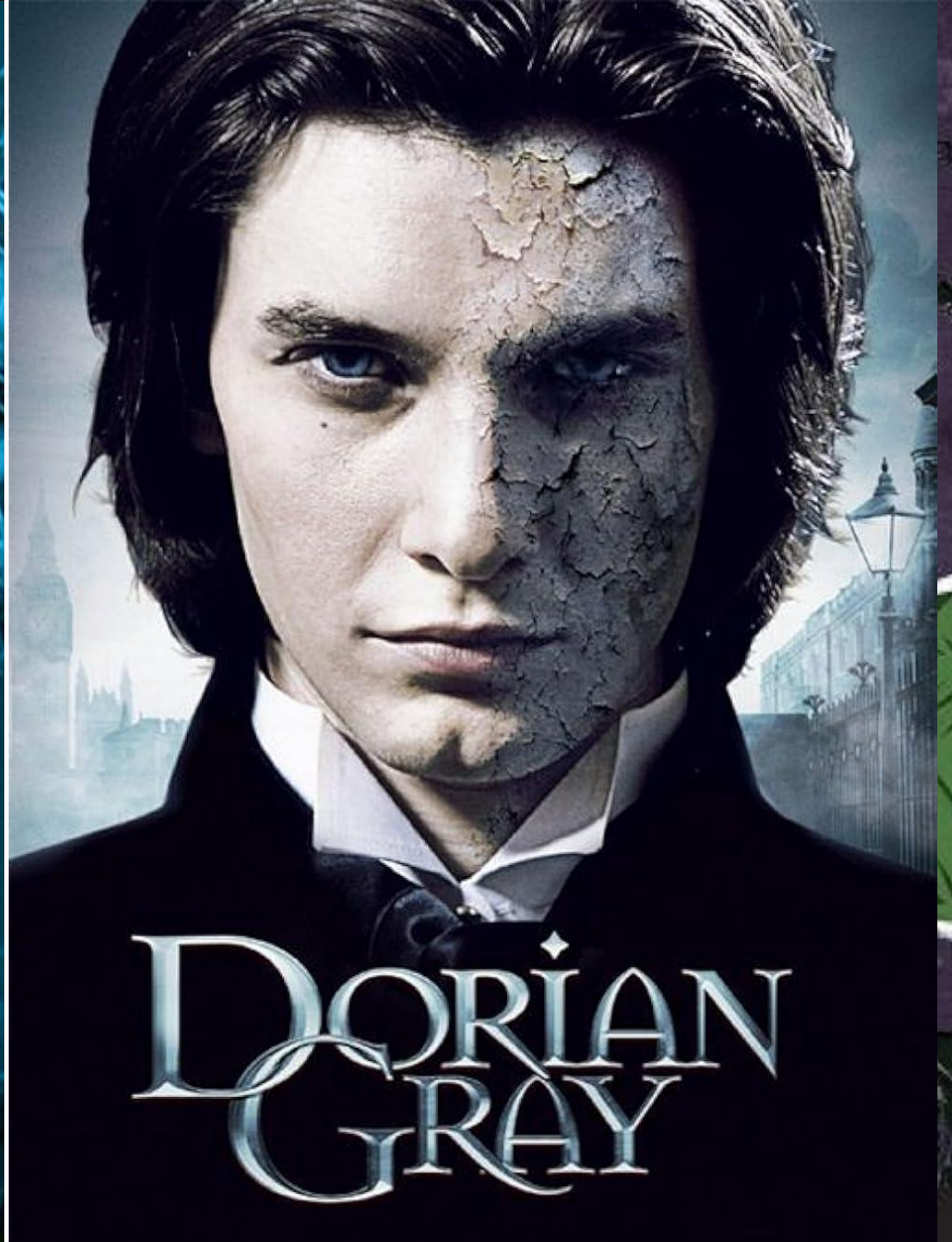
- <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—
- <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.
- <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Romans 6:6-8

<sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For **the flesh** desires what is contrary **to the Spirit**, and **the Spirit** what is contrary **to the flesh**. **They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.** <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:16-18

# 1. All of life is a war between two selves.

- Spiritual maturity is recognizing this constant struggle between your old self and your new self. A Christian is always in a state of war with himself
- Many people however do not see the need to wage inner war with between their conscience side and their coveting side



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*Hence it came about that I concealed my pleasures; and that when I reached years of reflection, and began to look round me and take stock of my progress and position in the world, I stood already **committed to a profound duplicity of life.** (Stevenson, p. 41).*

*I knew myself, at the first breath of this new life, to be more wicked, tenfold more wicked **sold as a slave to my original evil**; and the thought, in that moment, braced and delighted me like wine (Stevenson, p. 43).*

.....but I am unspiritual, **sold as a slave to sin**. Romans 7:14

You cannot serve both the Dark side  
of the Force and the Light side



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Romans 6:6

# One side will become your Master



<sup>19</sup> “For through the law **I died to the law** so that I might live for God. <sup>20</sup> **I have been crucified with Christ** and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

<sup>12</sup> Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> **Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh.**

Gal 6:12-13



*I resolved in my future conduct **to redeem the past**; and I can say with honesty that my resolve was fruitful of some good. **You know yourself how earnestly in the last months of last year, I laboured to relieve suffering; you know that much was done for others,** and that the days passed quietly, almost happily for myself. Nor can I truly say that I wearied of this beneficent and innocent life; I think instead that I daily enjoyed it more completely; but I was still cursed with my duality of purpose; and as the first edge of my penitence wore off, the lower side of me, so long indulged, so recently chained down, began to growl for licence.*

*It was a fine, clear, January day, wet under foot where the frost had melted, but cloudless overhead; and the Regent's Park was full of winter chirrupings and sweet with spring odours. I sat in the sun on a bench; the animal within me licking the chops of memory; the spiritual side a little drowsed, promising subsequent penitence, but not yet moved to begin.*

*After all, I reflected, I was like my neighbours; and then I smiled, comparing myself with other men, comparing my active goodwill with the lazy cruelty of their neglect. **And at the very moment of that vain-glorious thought,** a qualm came over me, a horrid nausea and the most deadly shuddering. These passed away, and left me faint; and then as in its turn the faintness subsided, I began to be aware of a change in the temper of my thoughts, a greater boldness, a contempt of danger, a solution of the bonds of obligation. I looked down; my clothes hung formlessly on my shrunken limbs; the hand that lay on my knee was corded and hairy. I was once more Edward Hyde.*

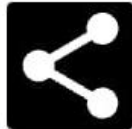
<sup>7</sup> What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. **For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”** <sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting.

Romans 7: 7-8



Augustine of Hippo

# After Trump claims countries 'kissing my ass', China blasts US with 84pc tariff





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- You become a Hyde from your unrighteousness
- You also become a Hyde from your righteousness
- The old self is BOTH Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde



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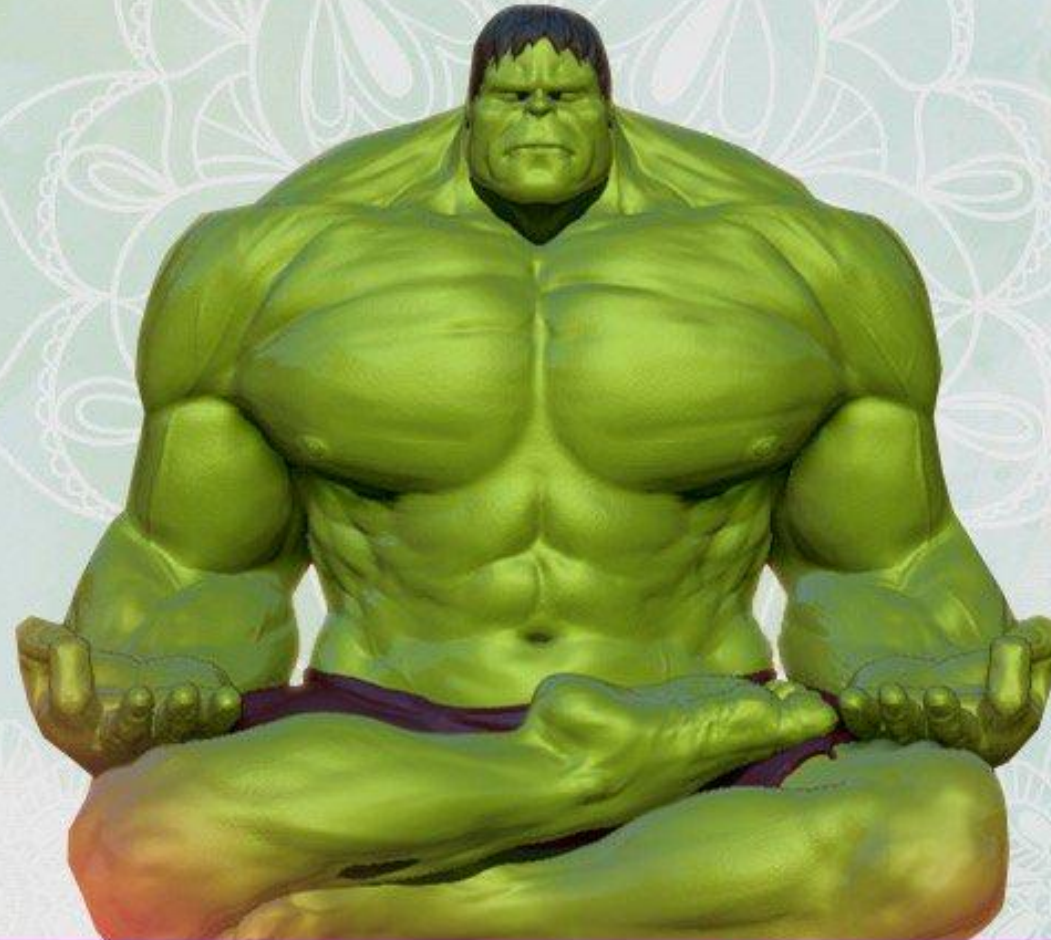


If you have a raging monster in  
you what is the key to change?





## SOMETIMES EVEN THE SUPERHEROES NEED ANGER MANAGEMENT LESSONS



<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:21-25

If Bruce Banner  
was in Christ and  
God looked down,  
who did he see?





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

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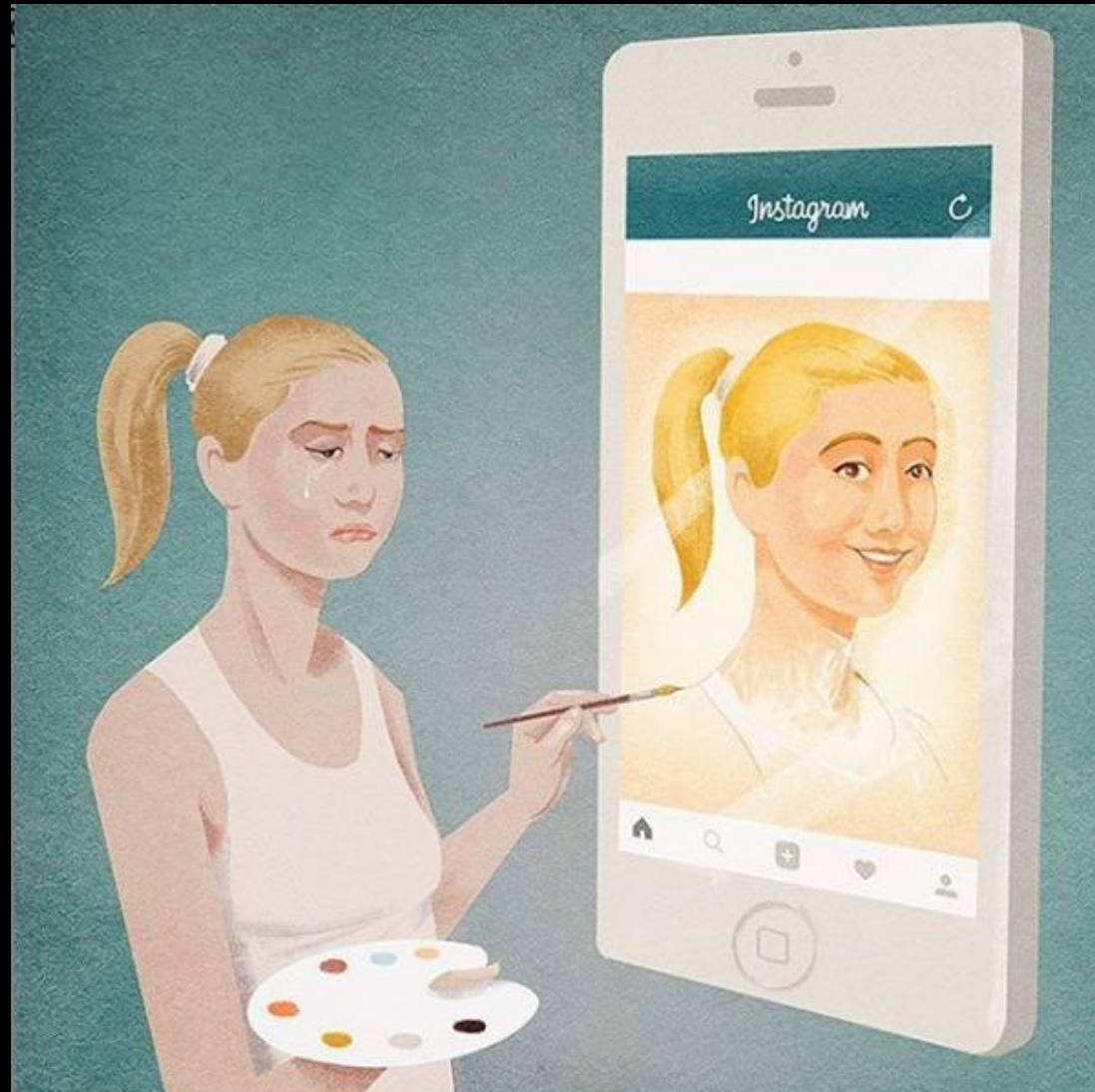
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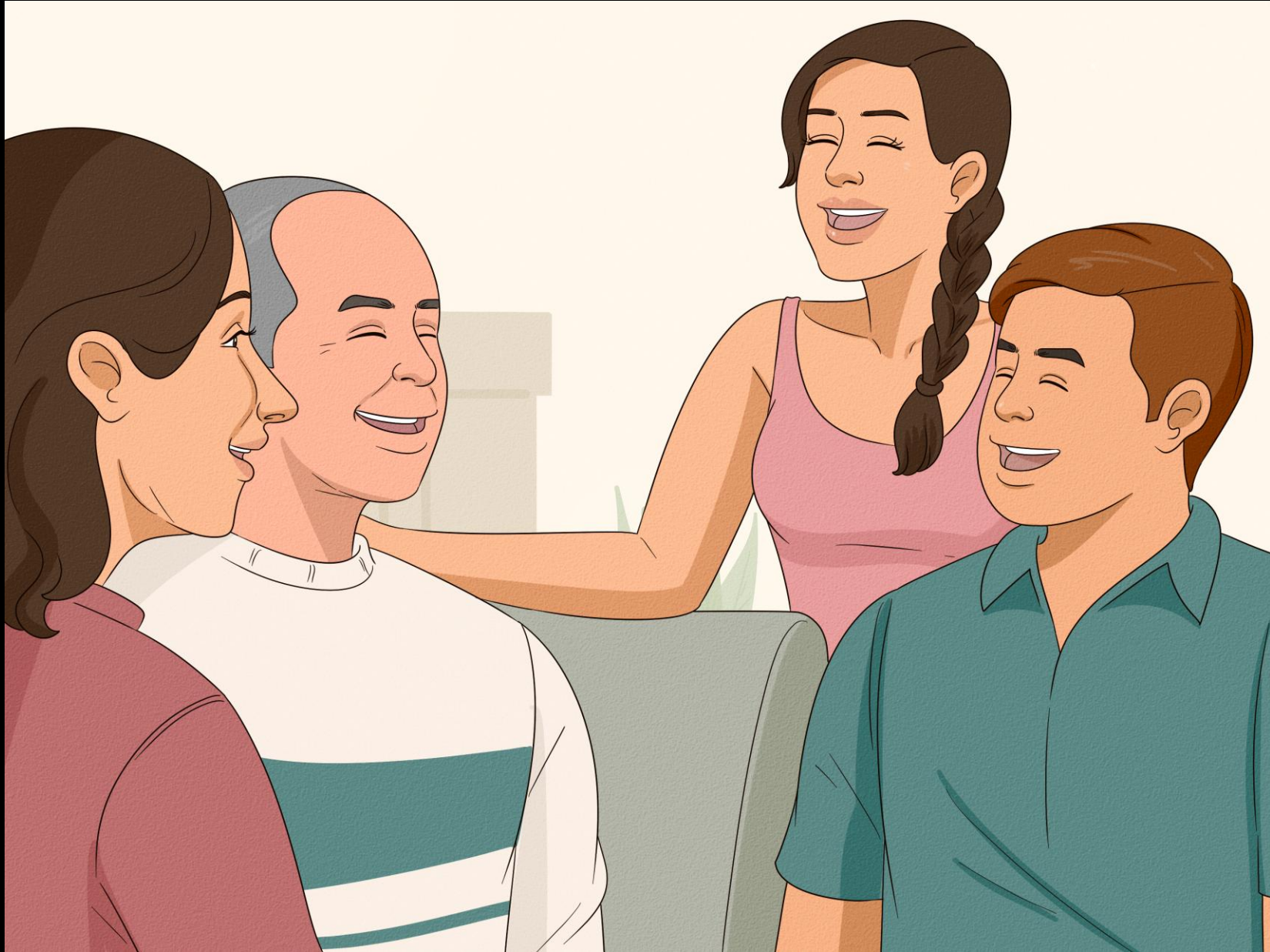
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# What are you trying to Hyde?







<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your **old self** with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the **new self**, which is being renewed in knowledge *in the image of its Creator.* Colossians 3:5-10

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- How I see God *affects*.....
- How I see myself.....
- .....*affects* how I see others



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# 16-year-old boy who made AI porn of schoolmates nabbed

Meanwhile, deputy Communications Minister Teo Nie Ching said 30 to 40 of the student's schoolmates and alumni were believed to have become victims of his AI-generated images.

"Majority of them are the school's alumni. There are also current students as young as 14 years old. It is possible that some victims are still unaware that their images have been maliciously manipulated and distributed.

"We learned that multiple groups using the name [redacted] have emerged on social media platforms.

"These groups have been circulating obscene photos generated using deepfake technology," she said in a statement.



**“I am in Christ. My value in the image of God is not dependent on how many people keep in contact with me”**

**I'M TIRED  
OF ALWAYS  
BEING THE  
ONE WHO  
KEEPS IN  
CONTACT.**

*PictureQuotes.com*

**“My identity is in Christ and not how the world defines success and failure in the marketplace. I put to death any bad work habits and I have the power of the risen Savior to excel for Christ as His image bearer in the marketplace. If I fail, I will try again as His grace is sufficient for me”**

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and in need of a big  
raise for doing 3  
times someone in  
my position usually  
does.



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**“Am I trying to bring up my children to be in Christ or an image I have of ideal children? When my children look at me what do they see? I don’t want to be seen as a failure as a father, is this why I rather not tell anyone in church and pretend on Sunday everything is ok?”**



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are being  
persecuted and the  
world looks at the  
church what do  
they see?**

