

How do you NOT waste your life?

How do you have a life worth living?

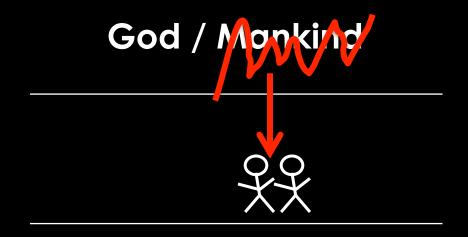
Therefore be very careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:15-17

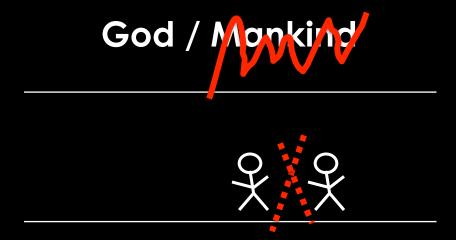
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 - Romans 1:18-32

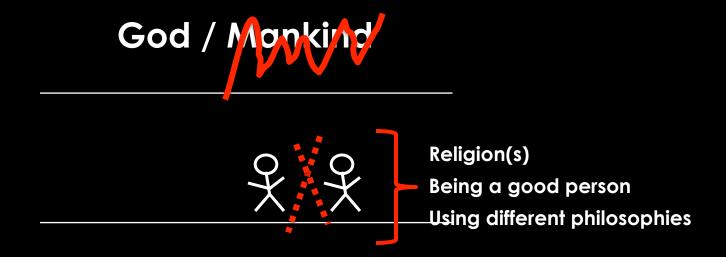




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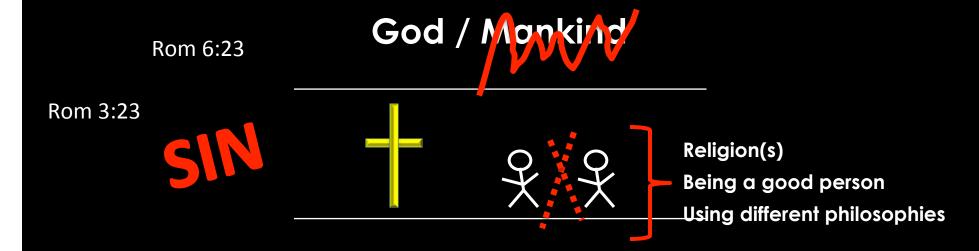
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God / Mankind



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- 2. Secularism
- 3. Materialism
- 4. Sensualism/Gluttony
- 5. Relativism

Are you impacting the culture... or is the culture impacting you?

B. Reflect on your faith

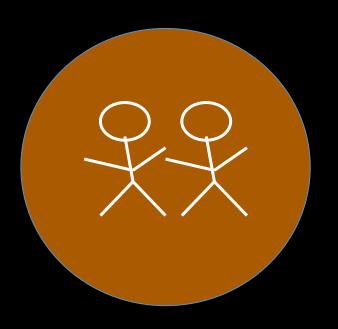
You change the world by changing people.

How do you change people?

We don't need reformation... We need TRANSFORMATION!

The only way I know man can be transformed is through a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ!

1. The Two Positions

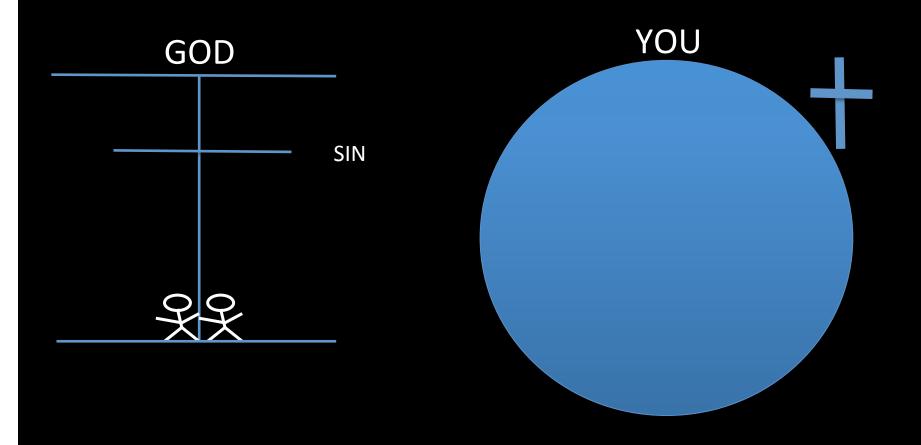




Closed System

Open System

2. Decision Time



C. Reflect on God's Grace

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.

John 3:17-18

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So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

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You accept his grace → saved, rescued

You reject his grace → screwed, lost for eternity

Vietnam Conflict

Hebrews 6:6

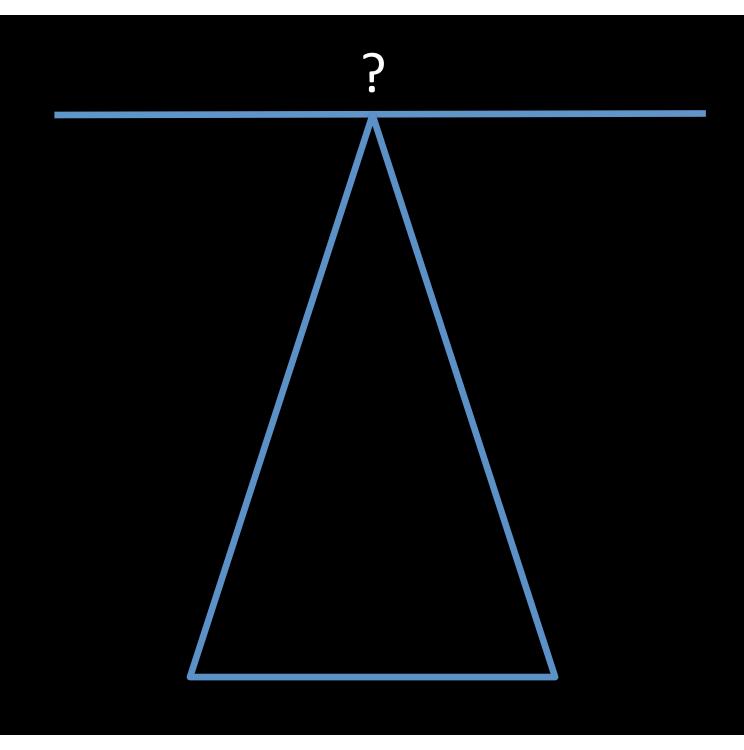
Question: So what is it you do daily to cause Him to suffer?

Risk More

- We risk in:
 - -Business
 - -Sports
 - -Betting

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- A. Our relationship with Jesus Christ is non-existent
 - The result of shallow faith is that our view of God is too small.
 - Isaiah 6:1
 - Acts 9
- B. We do not understand our true, personal value

Basis for Personal Worth

- 1. God made you.
- 2. Christ died for you.
- 3. Christ loves you.
- 4. God has gifted you.
- 5. God plans for you.

The Question: If you could do anything you wanted to do, and money was not a problem and you could not fail, what would you do with your life?

You only go through this life one time!

- ►I had a dream.
- ➤I believed the dream was rooted in my relationship with the Lord.
- The dream had value.
- God gave me the skills to do the dream.
- There has been a deep, abiding sense of peace and fulfillment as the dream continues to unfold.



If you are committed to following Jesus, what would He want you to be about while on this planet?

Your dream must be tied to Jesus!

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM?