

# Lies We Believe

## #2- The Lie of Living a Crowd-Sourced Morality

"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The **highway to hell** is broad, and its gate is wide for the many **who choose that way**. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a (relative) few ever find it." **Matthew 7:13-14 (NLT)**

### I. Introduction

**The basic lie** - The best morals are \_\_\_\_\_

"Do not be misled or deceived: "Bad company corrupts good character." **I Corinthians 15:33**

**Key Question:** When we look back at our lives how often did following the crowd make us look like a clown?

### II. Mining out The Truth

"There is a **path** before each person that **seems right**, but **it ends in death**." Proverbs 16:25

Which of these will be **your** life-statement?

**Our Culture Says:** I want to do...**WHAT**ever, **WHERE**ever, **WHEN**ever, with **WHOM**ever I please.

**A Christian Says:** Lord, I want to do...**WHAT**ever you want, **WHERE**ever you want, **WHEN**ever you want, with **WHOM**ever you want.

**God says:** "...**I have set before you life and death**, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose life** that both you and your descendants may live..." **Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NKJV)**

**God's enduring principle:** \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Common Lies Regarding the Distortion of Moral Values

**Our culture says,** "It's your thing, do what you wanna do!"

**God says,** "God's will is for you to be holy, so **stay away from all sexual sin**." **I Thess. 4:3**

**Our culture says,** "Only do what you want to do—let the government support you."

**God says,** "A hard worker has plenty of food, **but a lazy person who chases fantasies has no sense**." **Proverbs 12:11**

**Our culture says,** "I'm going to make **MY** plans and accumulate **MY** wealth!"

**God says,** "**Trust in your money and down you go!** But the godly flourish like leaves in spring." **Proverbs 11:28 (NLT)**

Our culture says, "I don't believe in God, but if He is there, He'll have to explain Himself more thoroughly!"

God says, "**That man is a fool** who says to himself, **'There is no God!'**" Anyone who talks like that is warped..." Psalm 14:1 (TLB)

#### **IV. Living as Overcomers: Biblical Truths Leading to Victorious Living**

1. The most \_\_\_\_\_ thing a parent can do... is give their child a \_\_\_\_\_!  
"**Train up a child** in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

**"If you refuse to discipline your son, it proves you don't love him;** for if you love him, you will be prompt to punish him when he needs it." Proverbs 13:24

2.) The \_\_\_\_\_ I (the old me) died on a cross, \_\_\_\_\_ I'll want to walk with the crowd. "I **have been crucified** with Christ and I no longer live, **but Christ lives in me**. The life I now live in this body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20

**"You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.** Christ is your life. When He appears, then you, too, will appear with Him in glory." Colossians 3:3-4 (GW)

3.) The \_\_\_\_\_ God's morals because they don't understand \_\_\_\_\_.  
"And so I insist—and God backs me up on this—that **there be no going along with the crowd**, the empty-headed, mindless crowd. They've refused for so long to deal with God that **they've lost touch** not only with God but with reality itself. **They can't think straight** anymore. Feeling no pain, they let themselves go in sexual obsession, addicted to every sort of perversion." Ephesians 4:17-19 (Mess.)

"But far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which **the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world**." Galatians 6:14 (NAS)

4. You're as \_\_\_\_\_ as you'll ever be and as \_\_\_\_\_ (spiritually--through God's eyes in Christ) as you can be.

"When someone becomes a Christian, **he becomes a brand new person inside**. He is not the same anymore---**old things are dead**, and **a new life has begun!**" II Corinthians 5:17

"...and **you've become** a new person. This new person is **continually renewed in knowledge** to be like its Creator." Colossians 3:10 (GW)

**"Don't you know** that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? When we were baptized into his death, we were placed into the tomb with him. As Christ was brought back from death to life by the glorious power of the Father, **so we, too, should live a new kind of life**." Romans 6:3-4 (GW)

5.) A dead person can say \_\_\_\_\_!

"...For we know that our old self (sin nature) was crucified with Christ so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that

since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him.

**The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He now lives, he lives to God. In the same way, each day consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin will not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.” Romans 6:5-14**

**“Therefore, put to death whatever is yet worldly in you: your sexual sin, perversion, passion, lust, and greed (which is the same thing as worshipping wealth). Also get rid of your anger, hot tempers, hatred, cursing, obscene language, and all similar sins. Don’t lie to each other. You’ve gotten rid of the person you used to be and the life you used to live...” Col. 3:5; 8-9**

## **ANSWER KEY:**

### **I. Introduction**

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### **II. Mining out The Truth**

Limits=Love

### **IV. Living as Overcomers: Biblical Truths Leading to Victorious Living**

1. unloving----life without limits
2. more I understand---the less
3. crowd can't understand----Jesus' cross
4. dead---perfect
5. NO to the crowd