

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

1 John 2:15-16

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9–11

.... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

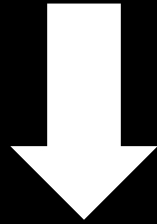
Philippians 2:12–16

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. John

17:14–19

Culture

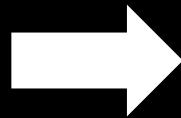
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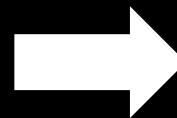
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Do things
Make things
Create things



Refine &
Sustain
those things



Survive
Flourish

Entertainment

Art

Food

Health

Commerce

Press

Rituals

Architecture

Festivities

Law

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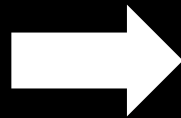
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Public library Farmers market City council

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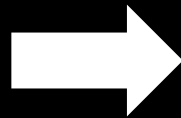
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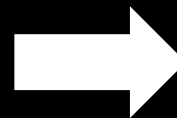
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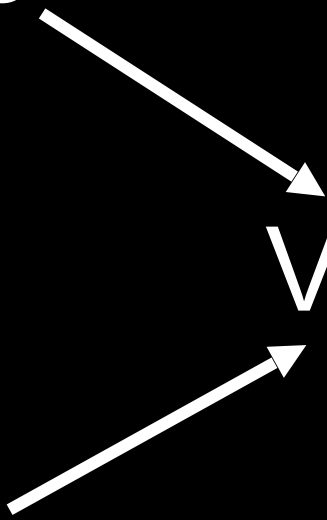


Imago Dei

Inputs

Values → Culture

Human Depravity



Gestures
toward aspects
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Test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:21–22

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Theology

Theology =
Rightly ordered
thinking about
God

Theology: What is the mind of Christ concerning ...

- The scripture (revelation)
- God (theology proper)
- Us humans (anthropology)
- Our fallen state (hamartiology)
- The gospel! (soteriology)

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:27

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God's mind and heart

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Theology: What is the mind of Christ concerning ...

- LGBTQ+
- Critical Race Theory
- Climate change
- Government



God's mind and heart

Everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 5:12-14

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Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

1 Corinthians 2:9–16