

Divided by tech

I. Introduction

The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? ¹⁰ But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve. Jer 17:11

“We are so inherently prideful, selfish and deceived that we do not know that we are so inherently prideful, selfish and deceived when it comes to our personal prejudices.”

II. The problem of labels-

Other=being the one remaining or not included
being the one or ones distinct from the others
not the same, different

Different= partly or totally unlike in nature, form, or quality. not the same

A. The problem is our pride-

All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the LORD weighs the motives. Prov 16:2
Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. Prov 11:2
Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall. Prov 16:18

B. Jesus defined the problem-

Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. ² For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. ³ “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? ⁴ How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye. Mat 7:1

C. The impartiality of God-

Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. Mat 22:37

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. Jn 3:16

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. II Pet 3:9

III. How technology builds walls and divides us-

A. We hear what we want to hear that tells us we are right

For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will reject the truth and chase after myths. II Tim 4:4
Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. ²⁹ Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. ³⁰ They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. Rom 1:28

They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. ³² They know God’s justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too. Rom 1:31

Even the most deviant, repulsive and violent behaviors and lifestyles can find a supportive community of people through technology who will affirm and encourage their deviant, repulsive and violent lifestyles.

B. Our worldview defines what we look at-

Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Rom 12:2

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. II Tim 3:16

Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works. Jam 2:26

C. Test the spirit and fruit of news and information sources-

“Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. ¹⁶ You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Mat 7:15
Don’t befriend angry people or associate with hot-tempered people, ²⁵ or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul. Prov 22:24

Wrongdoers eagerly listen to gossip; liars pay close attention to slander. ⁵ Those who mock the poor insult their Maker; those who rejoice at the misfortune of others will be punished. Prov 17:4

IV. Know the solution to division-

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Eph 6:12

A. Jesus is the answer-

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In this new life, it doesn’t matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us. Col 3:11

B. Be a real Christian-

If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land II Chron 7:14

C. In 2018 we need Christians to become real Christians -

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