

## Rebellious in our relationships

### I. Introduction-

- 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.<sup>4</sup> They will reject the truth and chase after myths. II Tim 4:3

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government.

Declaration of Independence, 1776

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### A. Be a biblical Christian-

#### Most self-proclaimed Christian are not biblical Christians-

When people **who consider themselves Christians and who attend church** were asked about their personal beliefs:

- Have a biblical worldview 10%
- Claim God is their highest priority in life 14%
- Absolute moral truth exist, is defined in the bible 16%
- Most important decision ever made was asking God for forgiveness, Jesus to be savior 20%
- Am completely dependent on God 22%
- My most important relationship in life is with Jesus 23%
- Jesus replied, "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.'<sup>7</sup> Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God. Mk 7:6

### B. Be real biblical Christians -

- I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.<sup>2</sup> 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 12:1
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### C. Know real love-

- We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.<sup>17</sup> If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?<sup>18</sup> Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. I Jn 3:16

### D. The importance of real love in our lives-

- The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him. Gen 2:1
- God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Gen 1:28

Relationship=The state of being related by kindred, affinity or other alliance.

## II. The loss of real and loving relationships in our country-

### A. We are getting lonelier and more isolated in our country

"The more face-to-face contact we have is directly related to less loneliness but more online contact was related to greater loneliness."

"A person's quality of life is largely a result of their interactions with those around them," the magazine wrote in a blurb accompanying the results.

The ignominious honor reflects California's low marks in the sub-categories of environmental quality and social engagement.

- 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.<sup>13</sup> 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

### B. The spiritual attacks on the personal relationships in our country-

#### 1. Sin destroys personal relationships-

- The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?<sup>10</sup> 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 17:9
- For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Rom 3:23

- If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts. I Jn 1:10

## 2. False teachers, prophets and educators have lied to us-

- Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. <sup>3</sup>But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. I Jn 4:1

## 3. Sexual relationships have been redefined by modern culture-

- “Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’” <sup>5</sup>And he said, “‘This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’” <sup>6</sup>Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together.” Mat 19:4
- You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. Mat 5:27

Adultery= voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone other than that person's current spouse or partner

- Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. <sup>16</sup>For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. I Jn 2:15
- Don’t let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. Col 2:8

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## 4. Corrupting influences in our culture-

### III. Love others like God loves us-

#### A. Experience real love-

- We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. I Jn 3:16

#### B. Define real love-

- Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. <sup>6</sup>It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. <sup>7</sup>Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. I Cor 13:5

#### C. Have Jesus live in us-

“My relationship with Jesus Christ defines me and my relationship with God and others”

- My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal 2:20
- Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. <sup>5</sup>You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. <sup>6</sup>Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. <sup>7</sup>Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross. Phil 2:9

#### D. The proof of real love

- Don’t be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. <sup>8</sup>Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. Gal 6:7
- When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Gal 5:19
- The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. Gal 5:22

#### E. Use the weapons of God to defeat the devil-

- Put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Eph 6:14
- We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do. <sup>4</sup>We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. <sup>5</sup>We destroy every proud

obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. II Cor 10:3

1. Radical forgiveness-

- And “don’t sin by letting anger control you. Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> for anger gives a foothold to the devil. Eph 2:26
- Why are you so angry?” the LORD asked Cain. “Why do you look so dejected? <sup>7</sup> You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master. Gen 4:6

2. Overcome evil with good-

- Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. Rom 12:21
- Those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone. Gal 6:8

**IV. Summary and application**

**A. Reject the lies of the devil-**

**B. Be a real Christian-**

- My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal 2:20

**C. Use God’s weapons to win-**

- Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. <sup>5</sup> You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Phil 2:4

**D. Ask God to show us our pride and selfishness-**

- Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup> Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. Ps 139:23