



Portion:

Title:

SCRIPTURES

- Deuteronomy 32:1-52
- I John 2:15-17
- I Timothy 1:18-20 NKJV

HULA-HOOPS & YO-YOS

- Gray is the Original Google
- New Arrivals
- Sold Out

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“They **provoked Him to jealousy** with **foreign gods**; **With abominations** they **provoked Him to anger**. They sacrificed to demons, not to God, To gods they did not know, To **new gods, new arrivals** That your fathers did not fear. Of **the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful**, And have **forgotten the God who fathered you.**” Deuteronomy 32:16-18 NKJV

“**Shepherd the flock** of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, **not for dishonest gain** but eagerly; **nor as being Lords** over those entrusted to you, but **being examples** to the flock;” I Peter 5:2-3 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And **do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and **perfect will of God.**” Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

“**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 **lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who **does the will of God** abides forever.” 1 John 2:15-17 NKJV

Everybody’s into it! Have you read...Did you know...You should see...We should go...You gotta hear...My entire church is doing it! If there is anything more cringeworthy than Christians getting carried away with the newest arrival to the Christian scene, I don’t know what it is.

Have you noticed it? Walk into any popular, seeker-friendly church these days and you will see the same set-up: a dark theatre, flashing lights, smoke machines, popular sounds, and a lot of motivational talk in lieu of teaching the Bible. Leaving inspired by

persuasive words takes precedent over God's wisdom. I call this "G-rated Entertainment." And no doubt, the louder the preacher and the more emotional his shouting, the more hypnotized his audience!

Outside the sanctuary there's an entire marketplace catering to the evangelical nature of "Christians". Why wouldn't you go after that segment of consumer? They love to spread information. In the Church it's called evangelism, but in the marketplace they call it word-of-mouth advertising. You see it all the time. It's the latest Christian book, program, diet, prayer technique, bible study, seminar, or itinerant preacher, maybe better called a traveling salesman. The newest arrival spreads like wildfire and predictably fades—those benefiting the most being the progenitors of the latest fad.

Don't buy in! These fads are always short lived and produce nothing of any lasting value, neither here on earth nor in eternity. If everyone is "doing it," that in itself should be a red flag. I am not saying there is nothing of value for Christians in the marketplace, only that your truth-meter needs to be dialed in to spot the gimmicks. Unfortunately, conforming to the ways of the world, cloaked behind a thin Christian veneer, is the sad direction modern seeker-friendly Christianity has chosen. Don't conform; there's a more excellent way!

Note: We are in the Fall Feast Season, which includes the Feast of Trumpets, Yom Kippur, and the Feast of Tabernacles. Study the prophetic meaning of all the Feasts here: [The Feasts of Yahweh](#)

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This Torah portion is only a single chapter long, and the majority of it consists of the Song of Moses. The Song of Moses is a prophetic oracle warning Israel about the apostasy to come and the resulting wrath of God. The song looks far into the future, even envisioning the Messianic advent amid rich and frightening apocalyptic imagery. Seven times “the ROCK” is mentioned, imagery of the testimony of Y’shua. After the conclusion of the song, Moses is told to ascend Mount Nebo and overlook the Promised Land before dying.
2. **The Song of Moses:** it is introduced in the final verse of the previous Torah Portion; *“Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song until they were ended:”* Deuteronomy 31:30 NKJV
 - (a) As we learned from the last portion, it is the song given to Moses as a testimony to the people, as one of the witnesses

against them if and when they rebel. (See [The Spiritual Detective](#) and [Inexcusable!](#))

(1) *“Write down this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, **that this song may be a witness for Me** against the children of Israel.”*

Deuteronomy 31:19 NKJV

(2) *“Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, **that this song will testify against them as a witness**; for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today, even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore to give them.”* Deuteronomy 31:21 NKJV

Themes of The Song of Moses:

3. Proclaim the name of the LORD and ascribe Him greatness.
4. He is the God of truth, justice and righteousness.
5. A people of rebellion is a perverse and crooked generation.
6. You were purchased by Yahweh; do not be foolish and unwise.
7. Ask your fathers and they will remind you:
 - (a) The Most High divided their inheritance to the nations.
 - (b) He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel.
 - (c) He led them in the wilderness, instructed them, and kept them as the apple of His eye.

(d) He covered them under His wings, as an eagle does, and prospered them as long as there were no foreign gods with them.

8. Then they made some poor choices:

- (a) They grew fat, grew bloated, and became obese!
- (b) They forsook God and scorned the Rock of salvation.
- (c) They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods.
- (d) With abominations they provoked Him to anger.
- (e) They sacrificed to demons, welcomed to new gods, and enjoyed new things.
- (f) They became unmindful of the the Rock who begot them.
- (g) They forgot the God who fathered them.
- (h) They provoked Him to jealousy by their foolish idols.

9. Then they had to be punished (as warned in Deut. 28):

- (a) He will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation.
- (b) His fire was kindled in anger, and shall burn to the lowest hell.
- (c) He will heap disasters on them.
- (d) They shall be wasted with hunger, devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction.
- (e) He will also send against them the teeth of beasts and the poison of serpents.

- (f) He will dash them in pieces.
 - (g) The memory of them will cease from among men.
10. And in the midst of this punishment, Yahweh will be sure to never let Israel's enemies think they are responsible for their destruction.
 11. It is their disregard of counsel that will cause all this and Yahweh wishes they were wise, that they understood this, and that they would consider the end result before they act!
 12. The reason why one will chase a thousand is because their Rock has sold them out and surrendered them.
 13. It will certainly happen that these calamities will come.
 14. The bottom line is that Yahweh will judge His people and have compassion on His servants.
 15. In the end, when all their power is gone, He will say: 'Where are your gods, the rock in which you sought refuge? Let them rise and help you, and be your refuge.'
 16. They must recognize that Yahweh alone is God, that He alone kills and gives life; He alone wounds and heals.
 17. And ultimately, Yahweh will bring down the hammer on those who hate Him.
 18. **Moses Delivers the Song:** Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law.

Do NOT minimize the magnitude of this testimony! For it is not a futile thing for you; it is a matter of life and death.

19. **It's Time for Moses to Die:** Moses is instructed to go die on the mountain as did Aaron! And he is again reminded that because he did not hallow Yahweh in the midst of the children of Israel, he would not enter into the promised land. (See Numbers 20:1-13 or a complete teaching on the subject in [Juicy Rocks and Fiery Serpents](#)).
20. To see last year's teaching on this portion, go to: [Narcissistic Christianity](#)

GRAY IS THE ORIGINAL GOOGLE

1. The "Child-Centric" Society was Never Yahweh's Plan

A. Ask Your Father

(1) Fathers and Elders

- (a) **Ask your fathers and elders:** ""Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations. **Ask your father**, and he will show you; **Your elders**, and they will tell you:" Deuteronomy 32:7 NKJV

(2) Void of Counsel

- (a) **If you avoid wise counsel, the outcome will be bad!**
""For they are a nation **void of counsel**, Nor is there any understanding in them. **Oh, that they were wise, that**

they understood this, That they would consider their latter end!" Deuteronomy 32:28-29 NKJV

(b) There is wisdom in the counsel of many

1. **Seek the advice of many wise people!** "Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But **in the multitude of counselors there is safety.**" Proverbs 11:14 NKJV
2. **Plans will be measurably more successful if you seek advice while making them!** "Without counsel, plans go awry, But **in the multitude of counselors they are established.**" Proverbs 15:22 NKJV
3. **Advice is effective if you are willing to receive it!** "The wise in heart will receive commands, But a prating fool will fall." Proverbs 10:8 NKJV
4. **Wisdom is accumulated when one seeks advice!** "By pride comes nothing but strife, But **with the well-advised is wisdom.**" Proverbs 13:10 NKJV
5. **From whom should you seek counsel?** "This also comes from the Lord of hosts, **Who is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance.** Isaiah 28:29 NKJV

B. Who is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance?

(1) Answer: Your Fathers and Elders!

- (a) **Your Fathers and Elders have the wisdom!** “Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations. **Ask your father**, and he will show you; **Your elders**, and they will tell you.” Deuteronomy 32:7 NKJV
1. **Wisdom and understanding come with experience!**
“**Wisdom is with aged men, And with length of days, understanding.** “With Him are wisdom and strength, He has counsel and understanding.” Job 12:12-13 NKJV
 2. **Only a fool would avoid a father’s or elder’s advice!**
“**A fool despises his father’s instruction,** But he who receives correction is prudent.” Proverbs 15:5 NKJV
- (2) Honoring elders: Child-centric culture vs. Elder-centric culture
- (a) **If you want bad advice, ask a child. “Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;** The rod of correction will drive it far from him.” Proverbs 22:15 NKJV
1. **Is this not childish nature? “A fool has no delight in understanding,** But in expressing his own heart.” Proverbs 18:2 NKJV
- (b) Wisdom is found in the gray-headed
1. **Honor the elders of society!** “You shall **rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old**

man, and fear your God: I am the Lord.” Leviticus 19:32 NKJV

2. **Your Elders should hold the most esteemed positions in society! “The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness.”**

Proverbs 16:31 NKJV

3. **The gray-headed should be sought out!** “Mercy and truth preserve the king, And by lovingkindness he upholds his throne. The glory of young men is their strength, **And the splendor of old men is their gray head.**” Proverbs 20:28-29 NKJV

4. **It would be foolish to ignore where God says you can find wisdom!** “And to man He said, ‘**Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.**’ ” Job 28:28 NKJV

C. Wisdom and Understanding

(1) It would be good if you listened!

- (a) **A father whose child listens to him...** “The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, **And he who begets a wise child will delight in him.**” Proverbs 23:24 NKJV

(b) Make your father proud!

1. **Pay attention—it’s the difference between foolishness and wisdom...** “See then that you walk

circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16 NKJV

2. **Ask for wisdom!** “If any of you lacks wisdom, **let him ask of God**, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” James 1:5 NKJV
3. **Heed the Words of Yahweh!** “For the **Lord gives wisdom**; From His mouth **come knowledge** and understanding;” Proverbs 2:6 NKJV
4. **Live intentionally!** “So **teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.**” Psalms 90:12 NKJV

(2) What is Wisdom?

(a) **It’s the main thing!** “**Wisdom is the principal thing**; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Proverbs 4:7 NKJV

(b) Get Wisdom

1. **A father to a son!** “**Get wisdom! Get understanding!** Do not forget, **nor turn away from the words of my mouth.**” Proverbs 4:5 NKJV

2. **Search the law for wisdom!** “**The law** of the Lord is **perfect**, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, **making wise** the simple;” Ps. 19:7 NKJV
3. **The instruction of wisdom comes when you reverence Yahweh!** “The fear of the Lord is the **instruction of wisdom**, And before honor is humility.” Proverbs 15:33 NKJV
4. **The beginning of knowledge comes when you reverence Yahweh!** “The fear of the Lord is the **beginning of knowledge**, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7 NKJV
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(3) Wisdom in Action

(a) **Who are they?** “**Who is wise and understanding among you?** Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.” James 3:13 NKJV

(b) Walk in Wisdom!

1. **No time to waste!** “**Walk in wisdom** toward those who are outside, **redeeming the time**. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that

you may know how you ought to answer each one.”

Colossians 4:5-6 NKJV

2. **Apprehending wisdom and knowledge is to YOUR OWN benefit!** “He who **gets wisdom loves his own soul**; He who **keeps understanding will find good.**”

Proverbs 19:8 NKJV

3. **The outcome is good!** “Happy is the man who **finds wisdom**, And the man who **gains understanding;**”

Proverbs 3:13 NKJV

4. **I pray your eyes open wide to wisdom and understanding—the prophetic benefits are immeasurable!** “Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in **my prayers**: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;** that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,” Ephesians 1:15-18 NKJV

5. **The disparity could not be greater!** ““Therefore whoever **hears these sayings of Mine, and does them,**

I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. "But **everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.'" Matthew 7:24-27 NKJV

D. Spiritual Fatherhood

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(a) A true son

1. **A son in the Faith!** "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, **To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.**" I Timothy 1:1-2 NKJV
2. **A son under spiritual authority!** "**This charge I commit to you, son Timothy**, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected,

concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme." I Timothy 1:18-20 NKJV

3. **A beloved son!** "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, **To Timothy, a beloved son:** Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." II Timothy 1:1-2 NKJV

(2) By inference—we are all entitled to a spiritual father!

- (a) We are children of a spiritual father just like Timothy was a beloved and faithful son to Paul!

1. **Not many are qualified to be spiritual fathers!** "I do not write these things to shame you, but as **my beloved children I warn you.** For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, **yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you** through the gospel. For this reason **I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord,** who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church." I Corinthians 4:14-15, 17 NKJV

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NEW ARRIVALS

2. The latest and greatest that Christianity has to offer: Hint—it ain't Y'shua

A. The Latest Christian Arrival

- (1) New Gods; New Fads; Forgetting Yahweh!

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(b) How does that happen?

1. **NEW GODS!** **The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life!** “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 **lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life**—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.” I John 2:15-17 NKJV

a) See Impact Discipleship Teaching: [Do Not Love the Word—PART I](#)

2. **NEW ARRIVALS!** **Doing your own thing!** **The things of God are always fruitful; what man inserts when he is tempted and enticed by his own desires is a counterfeit!** “Blessed is the man who endures

temptation; for when he has been approved, **he will receive the crown of life** which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. **Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”**; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. **But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.** Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above**, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.” James 1:12-18 NKJV

3. **NEW ARRIVALS! Motivated by human pleasure and personal gain! “Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive,**

because **you ask amiss**, that you may spend it on **your pleasures.**" James 4:1-3 NKJV

4. **FORGETTING THE GOD WHO FATHERED YOU!**

Building your own kingdom from carnal desires!

"Now I say this, that each of you says, **"I am of Paul,"** or **"I am of Apollos,"** or **"I am of Cephas,"** or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" (I Corinthians 1:12-13 NKJV)... **"for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you,** are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? **For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?"** I Corinthians 3:3-4 NKJV

B. Cringeworthy

(1) Conformity

(a) It's all the craze—everyone is doing it!

1. The newest arrival spreads like wildfire and predictably fades—those benefiting the most being the progenitors of the latest fad. Just add an "e" to fad and you get fade (the "e" stands for "expired!" as in fades away!)

(2) Fad Christianity

- (a) *The Prayer of Jabez*—Expand my territory!
 - (b) *The Purpose Driven Life*—It's all about me!
 - (c) *Your Best Life Now*—If it is, then you're not a Christian!
 - (d) *The Daniel Plan*—The only advice that you might infer from Daniel's abstinence was that he would not eat anything unclean according to Torah. Yet, millions of Christians use his story to go on vegetable cleanses every year, only to return to their unclean diets!
 - (e) *Face Masks with Bible Verses on Them*—if this one was not so sad it would be hilarious. Bible verses about trusting in God, and blessings, and having no fear plastered all over the mask gimmick!
- (3) The Yuk Factor
- (a) When Church leaders look like this—it is bad!
 1. **Look at me and my GREAT SUCCESS! "Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, Who cause the seat of violence to come near; Who lie on beds of ivory, Stretch out on your couches, Eat lambs from the flock And calves from the midst of the stall; Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, And invent for yourselves musical instruments like David; Who drink wine from bowls, And anoint yourselves with the best ointments, But are not grieved for the**

affliction of Joseph. Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, **And those who recline at banquets shall be removed.** The Lord God has sworn by Himself, The Lord God of hosts says: “I abhor the pride of Jacob, **And hate his palaces;** Therefore I will deliver up the city And all that is in it.”” Amos 6:3-8 NKJV

(b) You have made up your own religion!

1. **I did it my way! “Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!** For what good is the day of the Lord to you? **It will be darkness, and not light.** It will be as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him! Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it? **“I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.”** Amos 5:18-21 NKJV

(c) Warning for Pastors who have led their flocks astray!

1. **Poor examples of Pastors who have been derelict in their duties. They will be removed and replaced!** **““Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!”** says the Lord. Therefore thus

says the Lord God of Israel **against the shepherds** who feed My people: “You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings,” says the Lord. “But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. **I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them;** and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,” says the Lord.” Jeremiah 23:1-4 NKJV

2. **Teachers will be judge more harshly!** “My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that **we shall receive a stricter judgment.**” James 3:1 NKJV

(d) What should Pastors have done!

1. **Elders and Pastors should have been good examples!**
“The **elders** who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: **Shepherd the flock of God which is among you,** serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, **not for dishonest gain** but eagerly; nor as being Lords

over those entrusted to you, **but being examples to the flock**; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, **you will receive the crown of glory** that does not fade away." I Peter 5:1-4 NKJV

C. How can you spot if you are being played?

- (1) Everyone is doing it is a GIANT RED FLAG in current culture!
 - (a) Do not incline to the majority!
 1. **"You shall not follow a crowd** to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice." Exodus 23:2 NKJV
 2. **"Do not follow the majority** when they do wrong or when they give testimony that perverts justice."
Exodus 23:2 GNT
- (2) Beware of fancy persuasive words!
 - (a) The Wisdom of Man vs. the Power of Yahweh
 1. **Persuasive words of human wisdom!** "And I, brethren, when I came to you, **did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you** the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. **And my speech and my preaching**

were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your **faith should not be in the wisdom of men** but in the power of God.” I Corinthians 2:1-5 NKJV

D. What should you look for instead?

(1) Beware to what is being conformed?

(a) The Remedy

1. **Do not be conformed to the world!** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And **do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and **perfect will of God.**” Romans 12:1-2 NKJV
2. **Remember John’s Words? The will of God is...** “Do not love the world! **“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 lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.** And the world is passing away, and the lust of

it; but he who **does the will of God** abides forever." I

John 2:15-17 NKJV

(2) Wisdom among those who are mature

(a) The Mind of Christ

1. **God's wisdom to God's people!** "However, **we speak wisdom among those who are mature**, yet **not the wisdom of this age**, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the **hidden wisdom which God ordained** before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, **the deep things of God**. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

These things we also speak, **not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches**, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because **they are spiritually discerned**. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" **But we have the mind of Christ.**" I Corinthians 2:6-16 NKJV

(3) What will last?

(a) When the foundation is in Christ alone!

1. **Fire will ultimately test what your foundation is!**

"For **no other foundation can anyone lay** than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be **revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work**, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he

himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.” I

Corinthians 3:11-15 NKJV

(4) A More Excellent Way

(a) No matter what your calling—the superior way is...

1. **Every different calling with one ultimate path!** “Now you are **the body of Christ, and members individually.** And **God has appointed these in the church:** first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. **And yet I show you a more excellent way.**” I Corinthians 12:27-31 NKJV
2. Love: See I Corinthians 13:1-12
3. **The greatest of these is love...** “And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but **the greatest of these is love.**” I Corinthians 13:13 NKJV

Summary: NEW ARRIVALS

2. The latest and greatest that Christianity has to offer: Hint—it ain't Y'shua

A. The Latest Christian Arrival

(1) New Gods; New Fads; Forgetting Yahweh!

(a) foreign gods; abominations; new gods; new arrivals [fad idols]; forgetting the God who fathered you.

(b) How does that happen?

1. NEW GODS! The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life!

a) See Impact Discipleship Teaching: [Do Not Love the Word—PART I](#)

2. NEW ARRIVALS! Doing your own thing! The things of God are always fruitful; what man inserts when he is temped and enticed by his own desires is a counterfeit!

3. NEW ARRIVALS! Motivated by human pleasure and personal gain!

4. FORGETTING THE GOD WHO FATHERED YOU!

Building your own kingdom from carnal desires!

B. Cringeworthy

(1) Conformity

(a) It's all the craze—everyone is doing it!

1. The newest arrival spreads like wildfire and predictably fades—those benefiting the most being the progenitors of the latest fad. Just add an “e” to fad and you get fade (the “e” stands for “expired!” as in fades away!)

(2) Fad Christianity

- (a) *The Prayer of Jabez*—Expand my territory!
- (b) *The Purpose Driven Life*—It’s all about me!
- (c) *Your Best Life Now*—If it is, then you’re not a Christian!
- (d) *The Daniel Plan*—The only advice that you might infer from Daniel’s abstinence was that he would not eat anything unclean according to Torah. Yet, millions of Christians use his story to go on vegetable cleanses every year, only to return to their unclean diets!
- (e) *Face Masks with Bible Verses on Them*—if this one was not so sad it would be hilarious. Bible verses about trusting in God, and blessings, and having no fear plastered all over the mask gimmick!

(3) The Yuk Factor

- (a) When Church leaders look like this—it is bad!
 1. Look at me and my GREAT SUCCESS!
- (b) You have made up your own religion!

1. I did it my way! Yahweh hates and despises your feast days and sacred assemblies.

(c) Warning for Pastors who have led their flocks astray!

1. Poor examples of Pastors who have been derelict in their duties. They will be removed and replaced!

2. Teachers will be judge more harshly!

(d) What should Pastors have done!

1. Elders and Pastors should have been good examples to the flock!

C. How can you spot if you are being played?

(1) Everyone is doing it is a GIANT RED FLAG in current culture!

(a) Do not incline to the majority!

1. You shall not follow a crowd

2. "Do not follow the majority

(2) Beware of fancy persuasive words!

(a) The Wisdom of Man vs. the Power of Yahweh

1. Persuasive words of human wisdom must be distinguished from the power of Yahweh!

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SOLD OUT

3. Sold out for Yahweh or by Yahweh?

A. Sold out by Yahweh!

- (1) Losing battles you should win...
 - (a) **When God sells you out, a thousand of you cannot defeat one enemy!** “How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, **Unless their Rock had sold them,** And the Lord had surrendered them?”
Deuteronomy 32:30 NKJV
 - (b) Why?

1. **Because you preferred foolish Idols and what is not God...** “They have provoked Me to jealousy by **what is not God**; They have **moved Me to anger** by their **foolish idols**. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.” Deuteronomy 32:21 NKJV
 2. **They chased the wrong rock!** “For **their rock is not like our Rock**, Even our enemies themselves being judges.” Deuteronomy 32:31 NKJV
- (2) Because you preferred lies over truth...
- (a) **Given over by Yahweh!** “Therefore God also **gave them up** to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who **exchanged the truth of God for the lie**, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.” Romans 1:24-25 NKJV
- (3) Because they rejected faith...
- (a) **Delivered to Satan...** “This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, **having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected**, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are **Hymenaeus and**

Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.” I Timothy 1:18-20 NKJV

- (b) **Deliver the sexually immoral to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so his spirit may be saved!** “It is actually reported that there is **sexual immorality** among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father’s wife! And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, **deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved** in the day of the Lord Jesus.” I Corinthians 5:1-5 NKJV
- (4) Where are your fake gods when you need them?
1. **You want those idols...let them help you!** “He will say: **‘Where are their gods,** The rock in which they sought refuge? Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, And drank the wine of their drink offering? **Let them rise and help you,** And be your refuge.” Deuteronomy 32:37-38 NKJV

(b) How did it work out for those worshiping Baal?

1. **Elijah mocked the prophets of Baal much like**

Yahweh mocked these false gods: “Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it. ” So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, “O Baal, hear us!” But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. And so it was, at noon, that **Elijah mocked them and said, “Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.”**” I Kings 18:25-27 NKJV

2. In the end, when all their power is gone, He will say: ‘Where are your gods, the rock in which you sought refuge? Let them rise and help you, and be your refuge.

B. Sold out for Yahweh!

(1) The turn...

(a) **Compassion on His servants:** ““For the Lord will judge His people And have **compassion on His servants, When He sees that their power is gone**, And there is no one remaining, bond or free.” Deuteronomy 32:36 NKJV

1. **My strength is made perfect in weakness:** “And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for **My strength is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, **that the power of Christ may rest upon me.** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**” II Corinthians 12:9-10 NKJV
2. **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me:** “Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**” Philippians 4:11-13 NKJV

(2) It is Your Life!

- (a) **Set your hearts on all the words:** “Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel, and he said to them: “**Set your hearts on all the words** which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law. For **it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life**, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess.”” Deuteronomy 32:45-47 NKJV
- (3) A house on the ROCK or a house of cards—set your heart on God’s word; it is not a futile thing!
- (a) **Hear God’s word and Do vs. Hear God’s word and NOT Do!** ““Therefore whoever **hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. “**But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that

the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Matthew 7:24-29 NKJV

(4) Sold Out by for Yahweh

(a) Winning battles you should lose

1. **Ah... as opposed to your losing battles you should win, you will win battles you should lose! "A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked." Psalms 91:7-8 NKJV (Read all of Psalm 91]**
2. **How? When you are aligned with Yahweh, He fights for you! "for the Lord your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'" Deuteronomy 20:4 NKJV**

(b) Running from idols and toward the True Rock

1. **Now that you know God... "But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods." Galatians 4:8 NKJV**
2. **Put to death your idols, or else... "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and**

covetousness, which is **idolatry**. Because of these things **the wrath of God** is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them." Colossians 3:5-7 NKJV

3. **The Rock was Christ all along...** "Moreover, brethren, **I do not want you to be unaware** that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and **that Rock was Christ.**" I Corinthians 10:1-4 NKJV

(c) Surrendering to Yahweh not surrendered by Yahweh

1. **Draw near to Yahweh...** "**Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.** Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded." James 4:8 NKJV
2. **Present you body as a living sacrifice...** "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1 NKJV

3. **You were bought with a price...** “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, **and you are not your own?** For **you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body** and in your spirit, which are God’s.” I Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV

(d) Preferring truth over lies

1. **Y’shua is the truth!** “Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6 NKJV
2. **The truth will set you free...** “And you shall know the truth, and **the truth shall make you free.**”” John 8:32 NKJV
3. **The Law is truth...** “Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And **Your law is truth.**” Psalms 119:142 NKJV
4. **The entire Bible is truth...** “**The entirety of Your word is truth,** And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.” Psalms 119:160 NKJV

(e) By Faith, we are delivered from Satan, not to Satan

1. **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world:** “You are of God, little children, and have

overcome them, because **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**" I John 4:4 NKJV

2. **We are victorious...** "But thanks be to God, **who gives us the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 15:57 NKJV
3. **We are more than conquerors...** "Yet in all these things **we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, **nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:37-39 NKJV
4. **We are over-comers...** "For **whatever is born of God overcomes the world.** And this is the **victory** that has overcome the world—our **faith.**" I John 5:4 NKJV
5. **We have authority over the enemy...** "Behold, **I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy,** and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19 NKJV
6. **Resist the devil and be steadfast in the faith...** "Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil**

walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. **Resist him, steadfast in the faith**, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world." 1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV

7. **Resist the Devil and he will flee:** "Therefore submit to God. **Resist the devil and he will flee** from you." James 4:7 NKJV

8. **Satan is will be cast out...** "Now is the judgment of this world; now **the ruler of this world will be cast out.**" John 12:31 NKJV

(f) Looking for help from Yahweh not idols

1. **You're help comes only from Yahweh...** "I will lift up my eyes to the hills— From whence comes my help? **My help comes from the Lord**, Who made heaven and earth." Psalms 121:1-2 NKJV

2. **You will find Yahweh if you seek Yahweh...** "I love those who love me, And **those who seek me diligently will find me.**" Proverbs 8:17 NKJV

3. **Search for Yahweh with your whole heart...** "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you **search for Me with all your heart.**" Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV

4. **Search for Yahweh with your whole heart and soul...** "But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and

you will find Him if you **seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.**" Deuteronomy 4:29 NKJV

5. **Seek and you shall find...** ""So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; **seek, and you will find;** knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, **and he who seeks finds,** and to him who knocks it will be opened." Luke 11:9-10 NKJV
6. **Seek and you shall rejoice and be glad...** "Let all those who **seek You rejoice and be glad** in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!" Psalms 70:4 NKJV
7. **Seek and Yahweh will hear you...** "**I sought the Lord, and He heard me,** And delivered me from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed." Psalms 34:4-5 NKJV
8. **Call on Yahweh in truth and He will be near...** "**The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.** He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also **will hear their cry** and save them. The Lord preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy." Psalms 145:18-20 NKJV

9. **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him...**

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**” Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

(g) Becoming strong in your weakness

1. **REMINDER! My strength is made perfect in weakness:** “And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for **My strength is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, **that the power of Christ may rest upon me.** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**” II Corinthians 12:9-10 NKJV
2. **Seek Yahweh’s Strength...** “Seek the Lord and **His strength**; Seek His face evermore!” I Chronicles 16:11 NKJV
3. **Yahweh will be your strength when you are loyal to Him...** “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, **to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.** In

this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”” II Chronicles 16:9 NKJV

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5. **Seek the Lord and His strength...** “Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord! **Seek the Lord and His strength**; Seek His face evermore!” Psalms 105:3-4 NKJV
6. **Cry out to Yahweh when you are in trouble and He will break off all chains...** “Then **they cried out to the Lord in their trouble**, And He saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, **And broke their chains in pieces.**” Psalms 107:13-14 NKJV
7. **Don’t be dismayed, Yahweh will strengthen you...** “Fear not, for I am with you; **Be not dismayed**, for I am your God. **I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you**, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”” Isaiah 41:10 NKJV
8. **Yahweh is your strength and song...** “**The Lord is my strength and song**, And He has become my salvation;

He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him." Exodus 15:2 NKJV

9. **Yahweh is the strength of your heart...** "My flesh and my heart fail; But **God is the strength of my heart** and my portion forever." Psalms 73:26 NKJV

10. **Be patient and Yahweh will renew your strength...**

"But those who wait on **the Lord Shall renew their strength**; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31 NKJV

11. **The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart...**

"The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. **The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart**, And saves such as have a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all. He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken." Psalms 34:17-20 NKJV

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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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A. Discuss what it means that gray is the original Google.

3. Define wisdom and understanding according to the Bible.

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A. Why does Paul teach that not many men qualify for spiritual fatherhood?

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