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KILLER SINS

God's glory ...
vs. the world's values

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.
1 Cor. 10:31 (NIV)

HOW

... Do YOU do it?
... Do you KNOW you are doing it?

[After all, this is a command, not a suggestion.]

You know you're glorifying/honoring God, because...

[Fill in the blank]

It seems right.

IT DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK THAT WAY.

In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.

Judges 17:6 (NASB) This was a horrible time of idolatry, crime, war, sexual sin...

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, ...

Proverbs 12:15a (NASB)

You know you're glorifying/honoring God, because...

[Fill in the blank]

Everyone else is doing it.

THE CROWD IS NOT ALWAYS RIGHT.

The messenger [said], "The prophets have all told the king the same good message. Make your message agree with their message. Say something good."

1 Kings 22:13 (GW) The reality? The king would die.

"Then what should I do with Jesus... ?" They all said, "Crucify him!"

Matthew 27:22 (NET)

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1 Cor. 10:31 (NIV)

If others ignore it

... then is it OK for you to ignore it?

DO YOU PAY ATTENTION TO GOD'S WORD THE SAME WAY OLD TESTAMENT ISRAEL DID?

But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubbornness of their evil hearts.

Jeremiah 11:8a (NIV)

Do you make excuses for ignoring this command, because you claim ...

[Fill in the blank]

Most decisions in life are "neutral."

DO YOU MEAN IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU, THAT AT THE DAY OF JUDGMENT NOTHING IS CALLED "NEUTRAL"?

God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether **GOOD** or **BAD**.

Eccles. 12:14 (NLT)

Those who have done **GOOD** will rise to eternal life, and those who have continued in **EVIL** will rise to judgment.

John 5:29b (NLT)

Do you make excuses for ignoring this command, because you claim ...

[Fill in the blank]

Even if it's sinful, it's "little," and won't hurt anything.

EVE COULD HAVE SAID THE SAME THING!

... but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, ...

... she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:3a, 6b (ESV)

This "little" sin affected the whole human race.

Do you make excuses for ignoring this command, because you claim ...

[Fill in the blank]

Nobody's perfect, so there's no use trying, or worrying about it.

THE BIBLE'S CONCEPT OF "PERFECT" REFERS TO "MATURITY" OR "GROWING UP."

Do what God's word says. Don't merely listen to it, or you will fool yourselves.

James 1:22 (GW)

"Go and sin no more."

John 8:11b (NLT)

Come to your senses and stop sinning. For to your shame I say that some of you don't even know God.

1 Cor. 15:34 (NLT)

IF you claim to be following Jesus, ...

How do you decide what to do?

[Fill in the blank]

- ✓ Waking up in the morning (or not).
- ✓ Recycling things (or not).
- ✓ Eating meat (or vegetables).
- ✓ One serving of food (or more).
- ✓ Driving a car (or walking).
- ✓ Going to work (or being on welfare).
- ✓ Watching television (or Bible study).
- ✓ Pursuing hobbies (or helping people).
- ✓ Praying (or playing computer games).
- ✓ Drinking wine (or water).
- ✓ Living in the city (or country).
- ✓ Getting married (or remaining single).

IF you claim to be following Jesus, ...

What do you do if something isn't specifically mentioned in the Bible?

[Fill in the blank]

- ✓ Cars
- ✓ Political parties
- ✓ Computers
- ✓ Refrigerators
- ✓ Credit cards
- ✓ Advertising
- ✓ College degrees
- ✓ Welfare
- ✓ Rifles
- ✓ Loud speakers
- ✓ Electricity
- ✓ Grocery stores
- ✓ Abortion
- ✓ Illegal drugs
- ✓ Dinosaurs
- ✓ Internet
- ✓ Shopping centers
- ✓ Cigarettes
- ✓ Movies
- ✓ Lawn mowers
- ✓ Food additives
- ✓ Microwaves

How should we respond?

IN ADDITION TO DIRECT COMMANDS ...

Do not steal.
Leviticus 19:11a (CSB)

THE BIBLE TEACHES VALUES AND PRINCIPLES THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO NEW SITUATIONS.

These things have become examples for us so that we won't desire what is evil, as they did.
1 Cor. 10:6 (GW)

How should we respond?

< EXAMPLES >

➤ **Religious activities ... or obedience?**

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.
1 Samuel 15:22b (NASB)

➤ **Our priorities in life?**

But seek first [God's] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things* will be given to you as well.
Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

* (daily needs, such as food and clothes)

➤ **Should we provide for the material needs of spiritual leaders?**

BUT OUR PASTOR ISN'T AN OX!

Moses' Teachings say, "Never muzzle an ox when it is threshing grain."
1 Cor. 9:9a (GW)

God's concern isn't for oxen. Isn't he speaking entirely for our benefit? This was written for our benefit so that the person who plows or threshes should expect to receive a share of the crop.
1 Cor. 9:9b-10 (GW)

PAUL ALSO DESCRIBES IT THIS WAY...

"The worker deserves his pay."
1 Tim. 5:18b (GW)

➤ **Attitude toward wealth?**

How much better to get wisdom than gold, and understanding than silver!
Proverbs 16:16 (NLT)

Stay away from the love of money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never forsake you."
Hebrews 13:5 (NLT)

For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.
1 Tim. 6:7-9 (NIV)

➤ **What if the Bible doesn't call it sinful?**

In these matters: Can we do as we please (as the Corinthians claimed)?
NO! Only things that are beneficial, warned Paul!

"Everything is permissible for me"...
... but not everything is beneficial.
1 Cor. 6:12a (NIV); see also 10:23a

▪ **Does it enslave or control me? Then it is not an option.**

"Everything is permissible for me"--but I will not be mastered by anything.
1 Cor. 6:12b (NIV)

▪ **Does it build people up? Then this must be my choice!**

"Everything is permissible"--but not everything is constructive. Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.
1 Cor. 10:23b-24 (NIV)

➤ **Many examples ...**

▪ **Some to follow...**

Job is an example of a man who endured patiently. From his experience we see how the Lord's plan finally ended in good, for he is full of tenderness and mercy.
James 5:11b (NLT)

▪ **Some to avoid...**

In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.
Jude 1:7 (NIV)

➤ **Values for daily life ...**

(A random selection from the book of Proverbs.)

He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

Blessings crown the head of the righteous, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.

The memory of the righteous will be a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.

The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.

The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.
Proverbs 10:5-9 (NIV)

➤ **Often, it's simply a matter that we don't want to apply it!**

NO THANKS!

YOU LOST MY ATTENTION AT THE WORD "TRIALS"!

Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.
James 1:2-4 (CSB)

GOD WOULDN'T WANT US TO HAVE TRIALS!

ALL I WANT IS PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS!

➤ AND SO MUCH MORE!

BUT THE KEY IS THIS:



We cannot learn these principles if we're unwilling to find out (and apply) what the Bible says!

- This is the only way we can develop renewed minds.
- Without it, we will not recognize God's ways.

The necessity of a RENEWED MIND:

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

- This is the only way we can be capable of understanding God's will.
- Without it, we can only do what comes natural to us: follow the "pattern of this world."

WITHOUT A RENEWED MIND:

➤ You will consider God's ways to be foolish.

- You will NOT be capable of understanding God's ways.
- It is also evidence that the Spirit of God is not in you.

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Cor. 2:14 (NIV)

➤ What you call "wisdom" will be foolish in God's sight.

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight.

1 Cor. 3:19a (NIV)

?! HOW THIS APPLIES TO THE ISSUE OF KILLER SINS ?!

(Especially our current issues: I DEVOUR and I CLING.)

★ These "little" sins often involve values – over-emphasis or wrong emphasis. ★

IF YOUR VALUES DON'T MATCH SCRIPTURE'S:

- You will not consider yourself guilty of these sins, (when Scripture says you are guilty).
- Most likely, you will treat many areas of life as "neutral" (instead of "good or evil").
- In other words, you will follow the ways of the world.

BUT THEY LOOK "NEUTRAL" TO ME!

AND THE WHOLE WORLD SAYS THEY ARE "NEUTRAL"!

SO WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE YOU?

- THE REAL ISSUE** is: "WHY SHOULD YOU BELIEVE SCRIPTURE?"
- >> But <<
- Unless you're willing to find out in the BIBLE, **YOU WILL NEVER KNOW THE ANSWER.**

YOU WILL BE JUST LIKE ISRAEL, IN ONE OF THE TIMES IT WAS FILLED WITH GREAT EVIL.

... every man did what was right in his own eyes.

Judges 17:6b (NASB)

This week... CONSIDER THIS ISSUE:

How much has the **WORLD** influenced your values – especially when it involves Killer Sins?

Have your values changed, or do you still hold on to the world's ways?

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**.

And the **world** is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)

This involves **VALUES**, many of which the world considers "neutral."

What do YOU consider "important" in life?

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