



# Right and Wrong

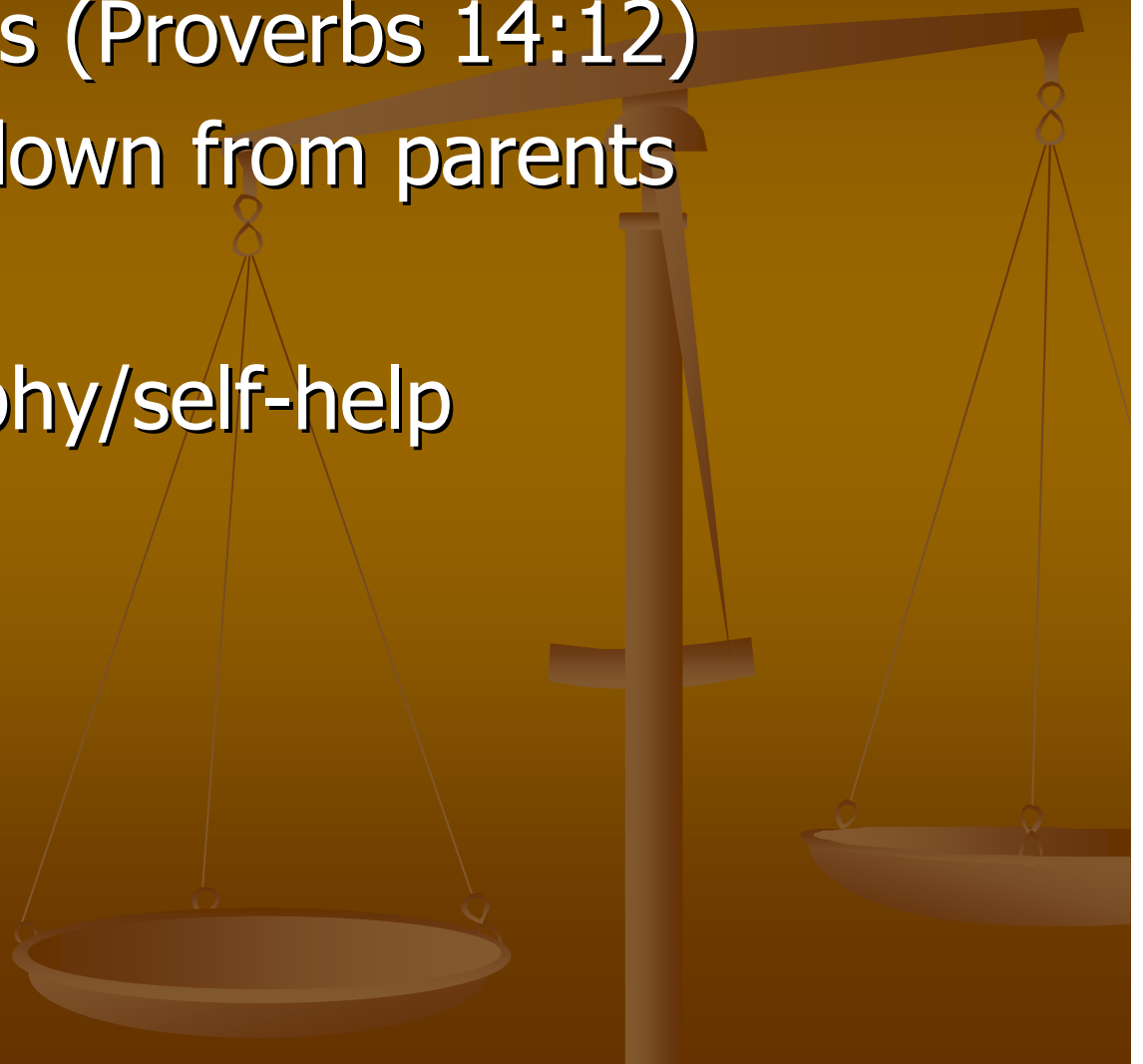
A Review of Recent Surveys on  
Moral Values

# Values Survey

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Wrong</b>
Doctor assisted suicide	45	48
Abortion	39	51
Having a baby outside of marriage	54	41
Buying and wearing clothing made of fur	56	39
Homosexual relations	56	39
Medical testing on animals	55	38
Fornication between an unmarried man and woman	60	36
Cloning animals	32	62
Medical research using stem cells obtained from human embryos	62	30
Gambling	64	31
Pornography	30	66
The death penalty	65	28
Divorce	69	23
Suicide	15	80
Cloning humans	12	84
Polygamy	11	86
Married men and women having an affair	7	91

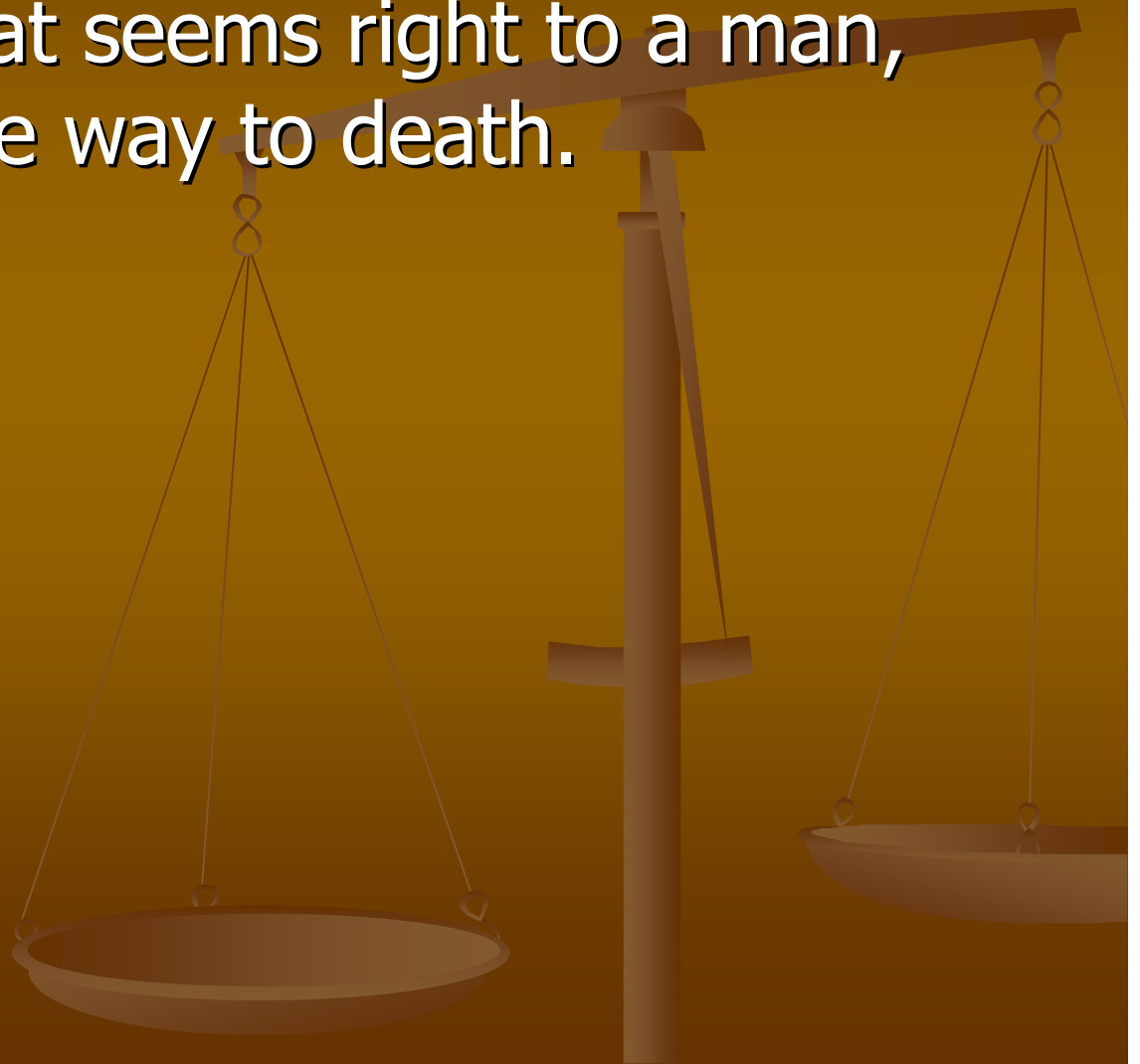
# Where do we get our ideas of right and wrong?

- Personal feelings (Proverbs 14:12)
- Values passed down from parents
- Societal norms
- Human philosophy/self-help
- God



# Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man,  
but its end is the way to death.



# Values Survey – Sexual Conduct

## Issue



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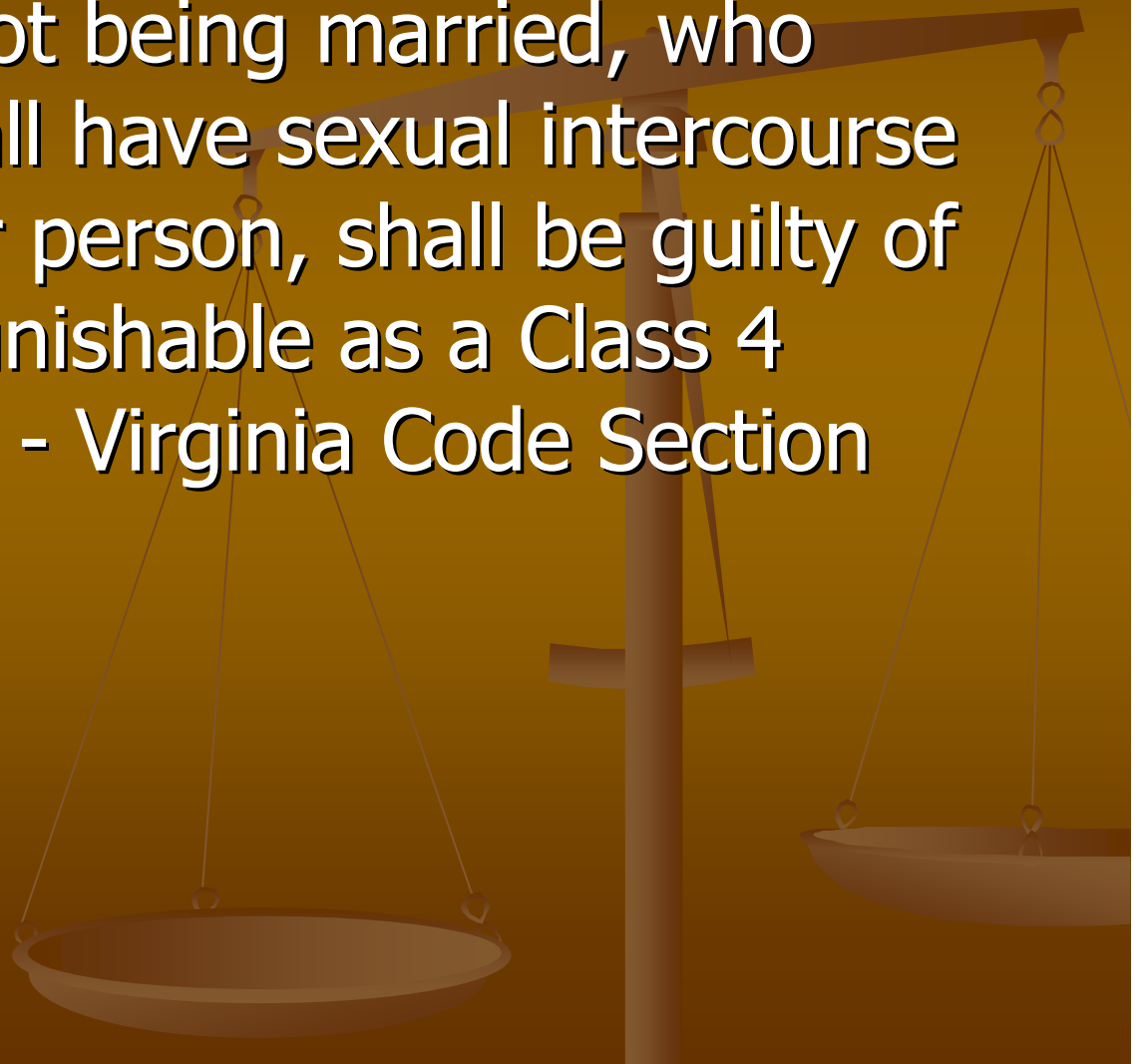
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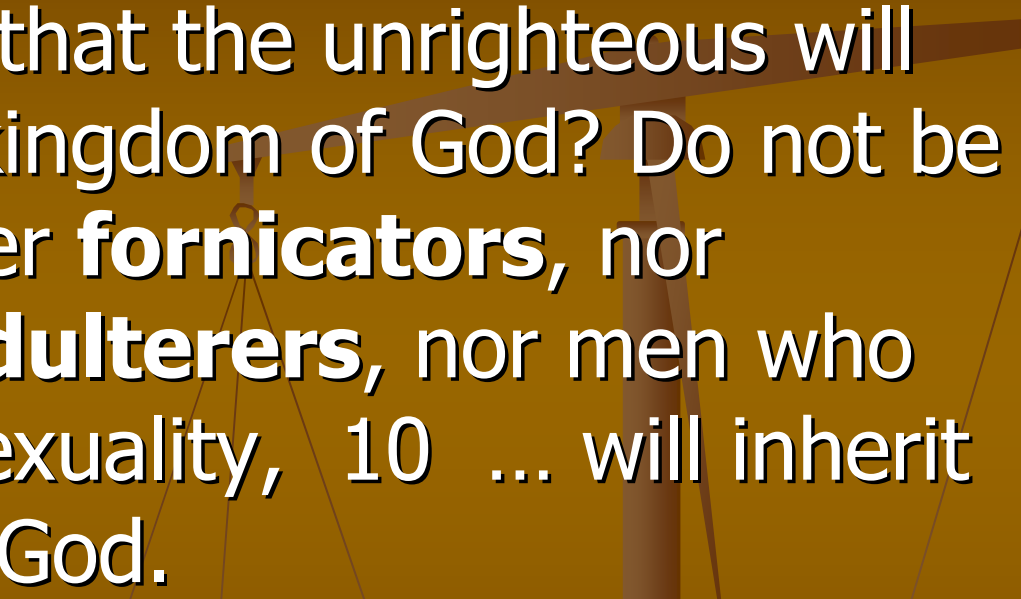
# Fornication

- Any person, not being married, who voluntarily shall have sexual intercourse with any other person, shall be guilty of fornication, punishable as a Class 4 misdemeanor. - Virginia Code Section 18.2-345



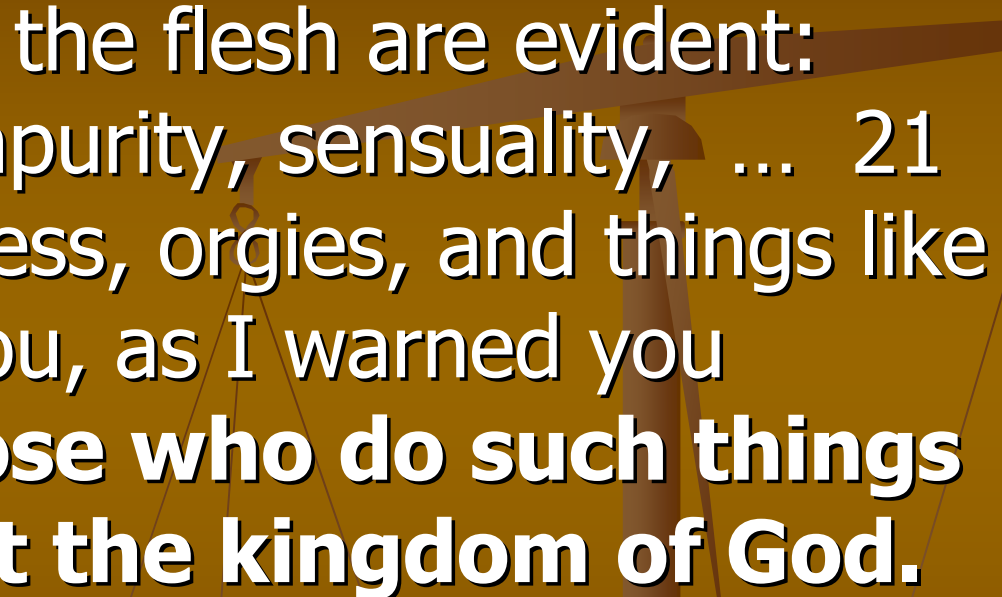
# 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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# Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident:  
**fornication**, impurity, sensuality, ... 21  
envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like  
these. I warn you, as I warned you  
before, that **those who do such things  
will not inherit the kingdom of God.**



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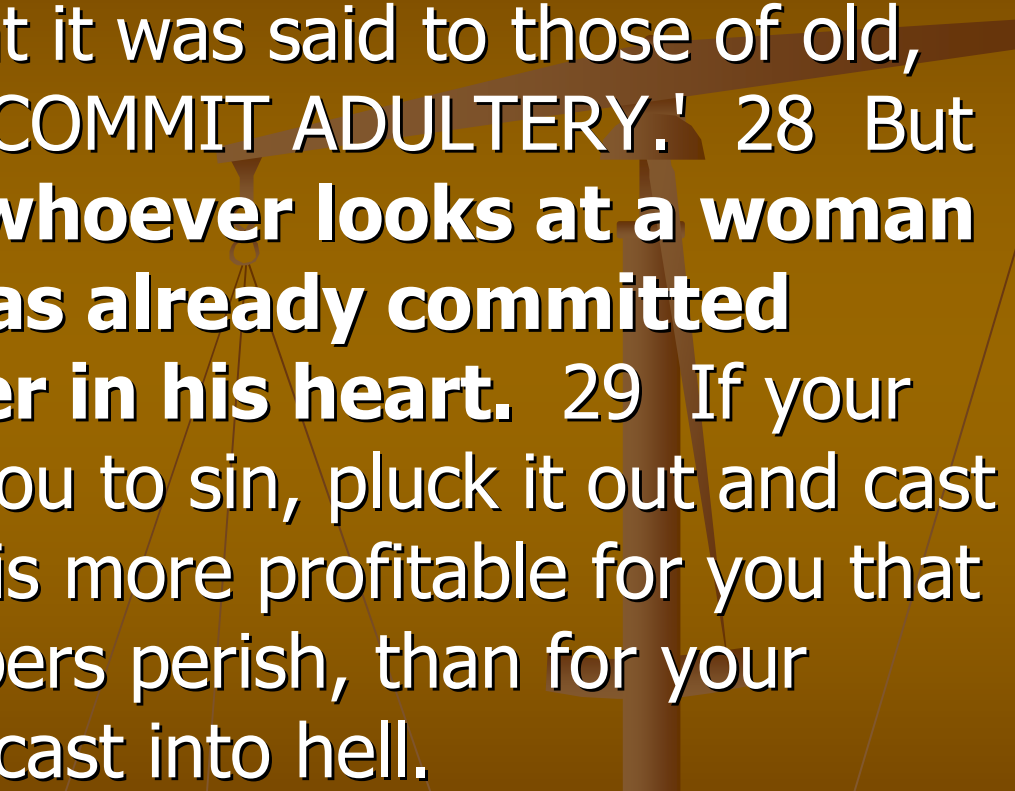
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## Matthew 5:27-29 NKJV

"You have heard that it was said to those of old,  
'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.' 28 But  
I say to you that **whoever looks at a woman  
to lust for her has already committed  
adultery with her in his heart.** 29 If your  
right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast  
it from you; for it is more profitable for you that  
one of your members perish, than for your  
whole body to be cast into hell.



# Human and Animal Life

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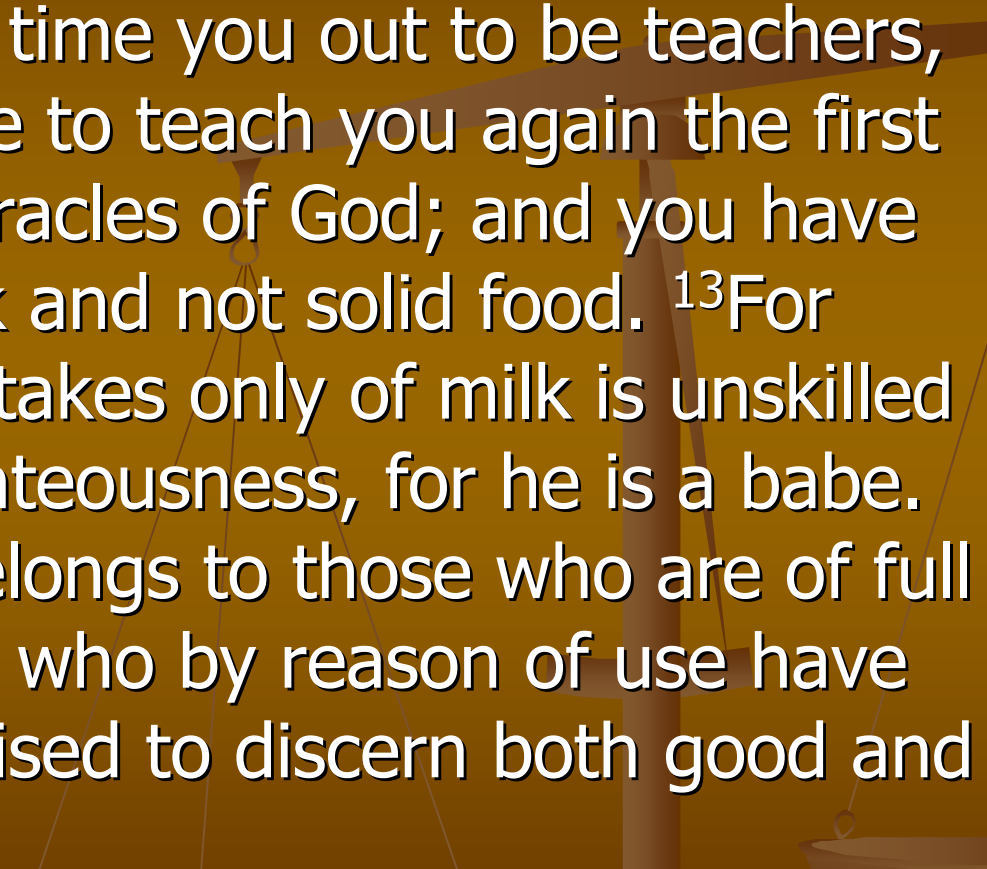
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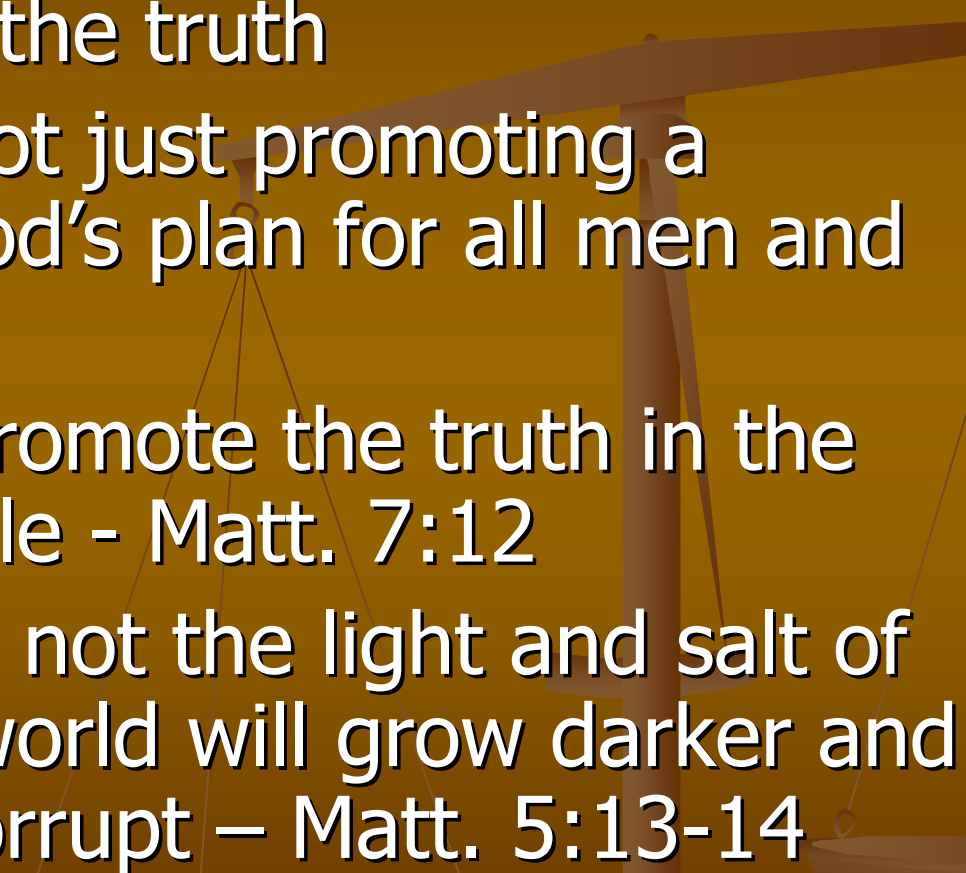
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# Hebrews 5:12-14

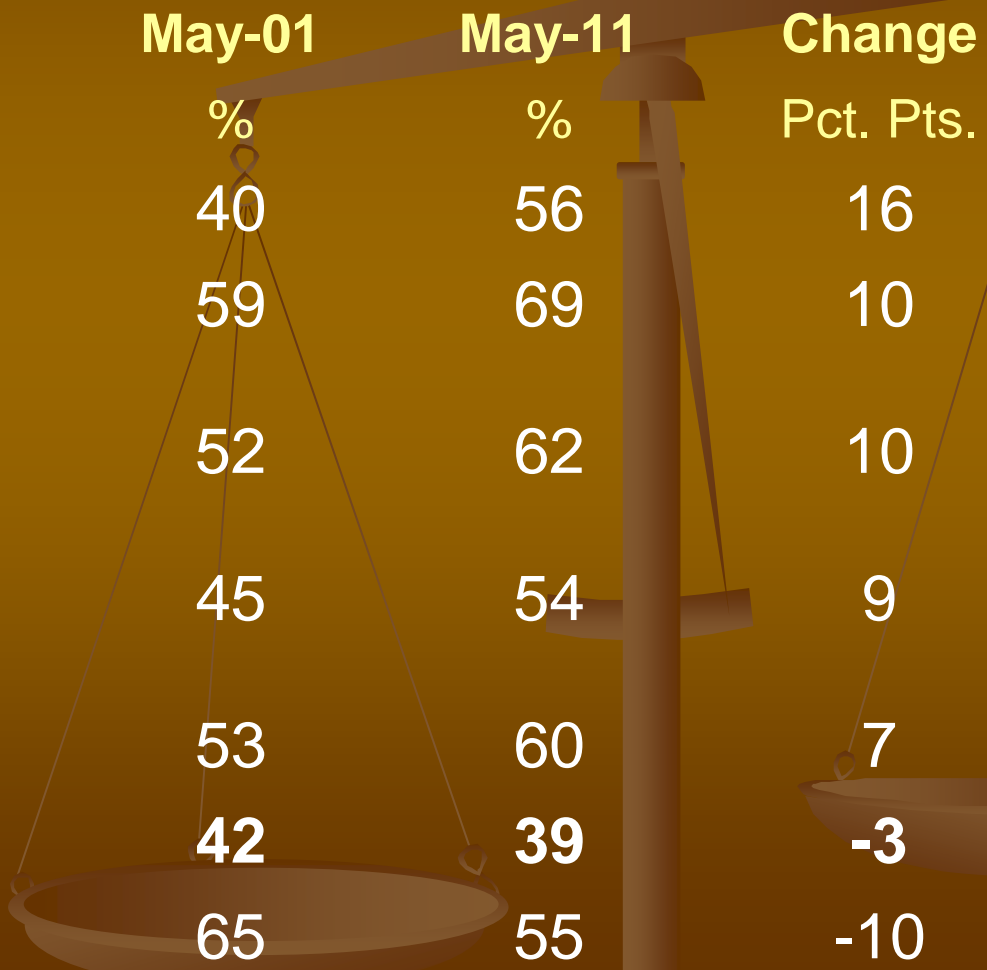
<sup>12</sup>For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup>For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. <sup>14</sup>For solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.



# Why Christians Must Defend the Truth

- Christians have the truth
  - Christians are not just promoting a tradition, but God's plan for all men and women
  - Christians will promote the truth in the best way possible - Matt. 7:12
  - If Christians are not the light and salt of the world, the world will grow darker and more morally corrupt – Matt. 5:13-14
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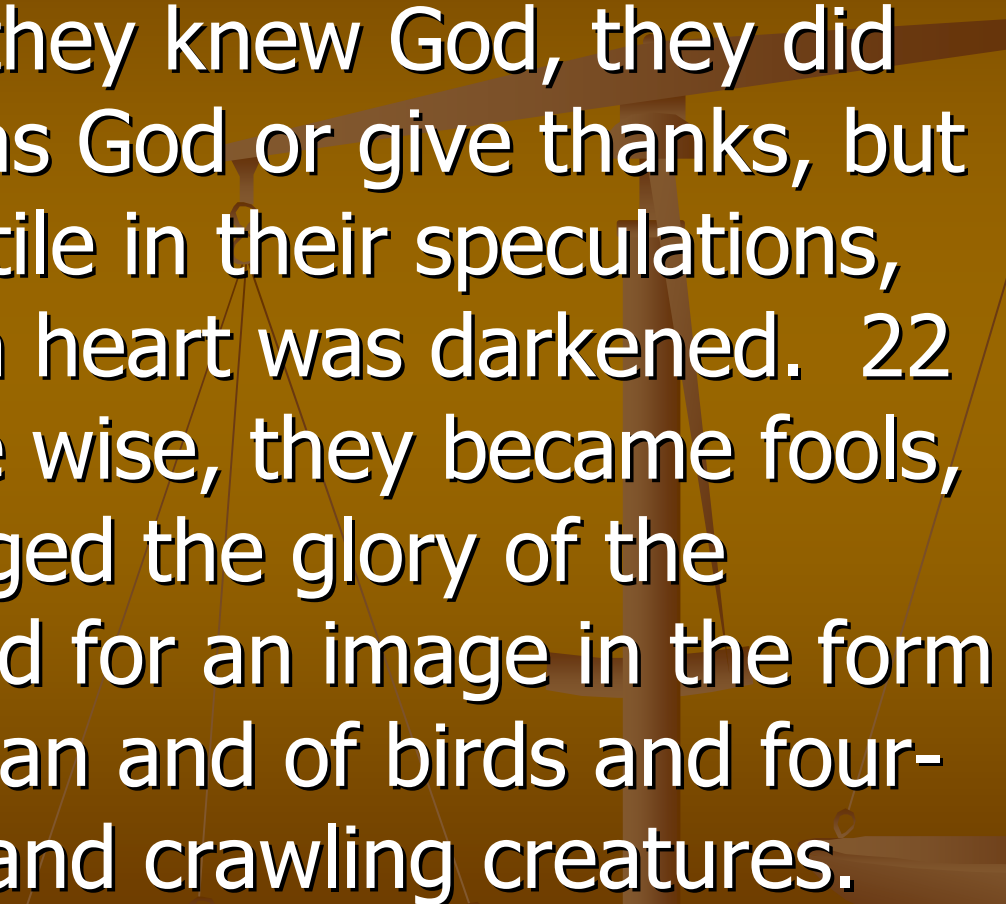
# Which Direction is Your Part of the World Heading?



<b>Issue</b>	<b>May-01</b> %	<b>May-11</b> %	<b>Change</b> Pct. Pts.
Homosexual relations	40	56	16
Divorce	59	69	10
Human embryonic stem-cell research	52	62	10
Having a baby outside of marriage	45	54	9
Sex between an unmarried man and woman	53	60	7
<b>Abortion</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-3</b>
Medical testing on animals	65	55	-10

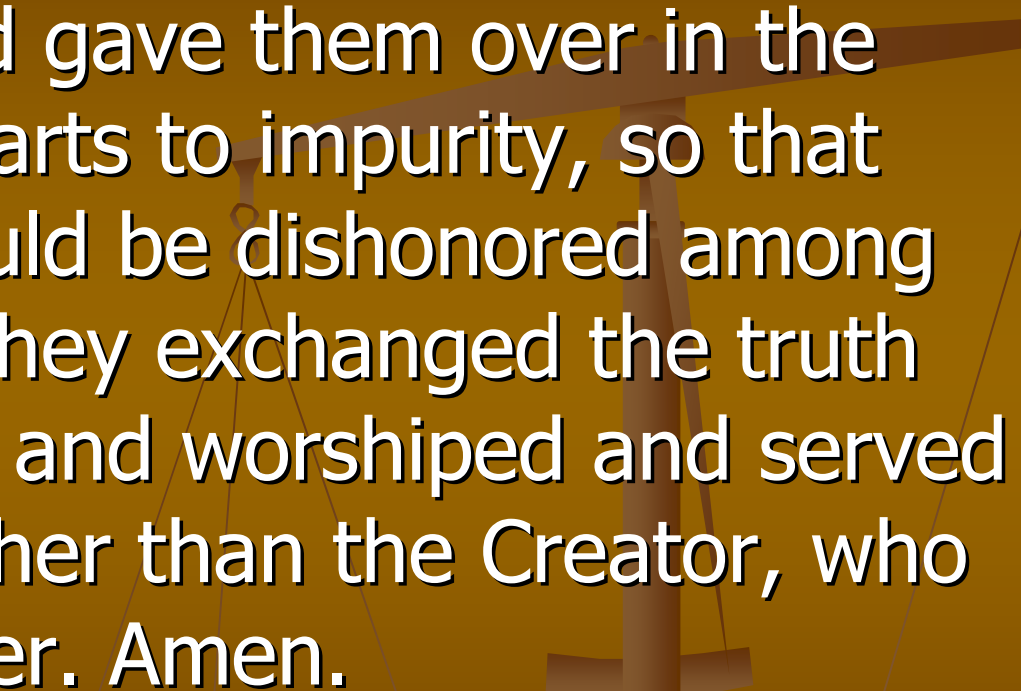
# Romans 1:21-32 NASB

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.



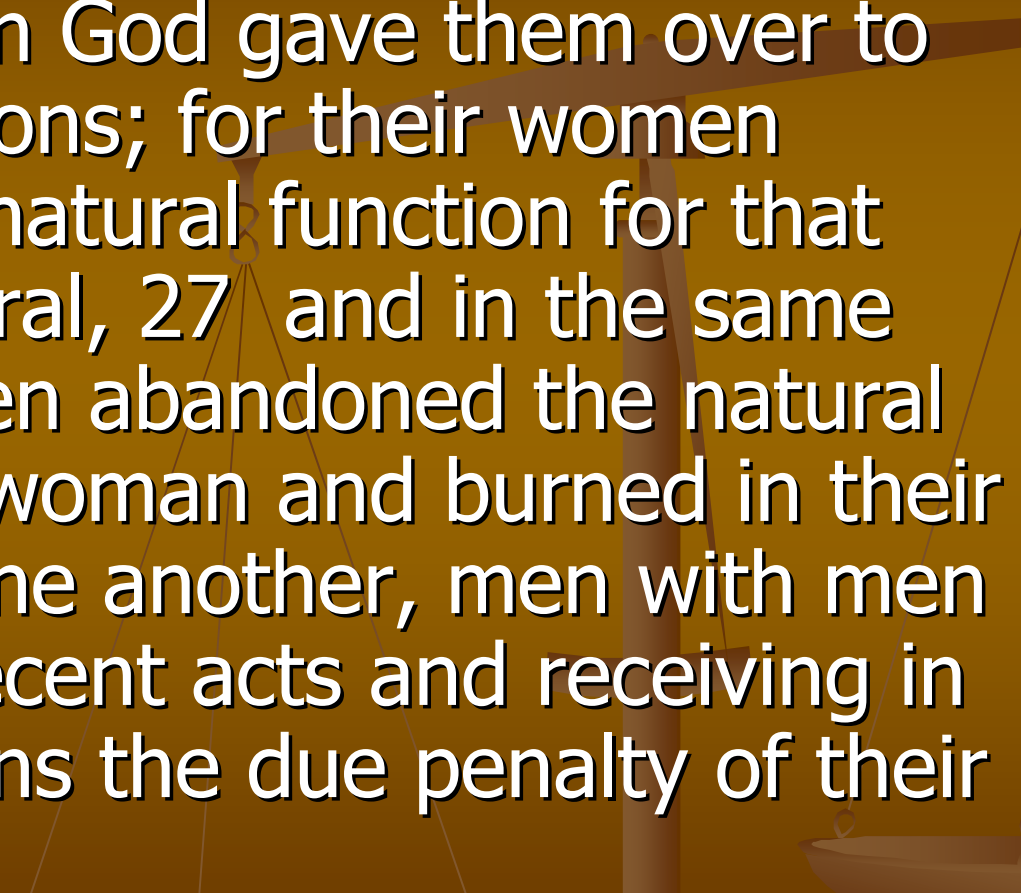
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24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.



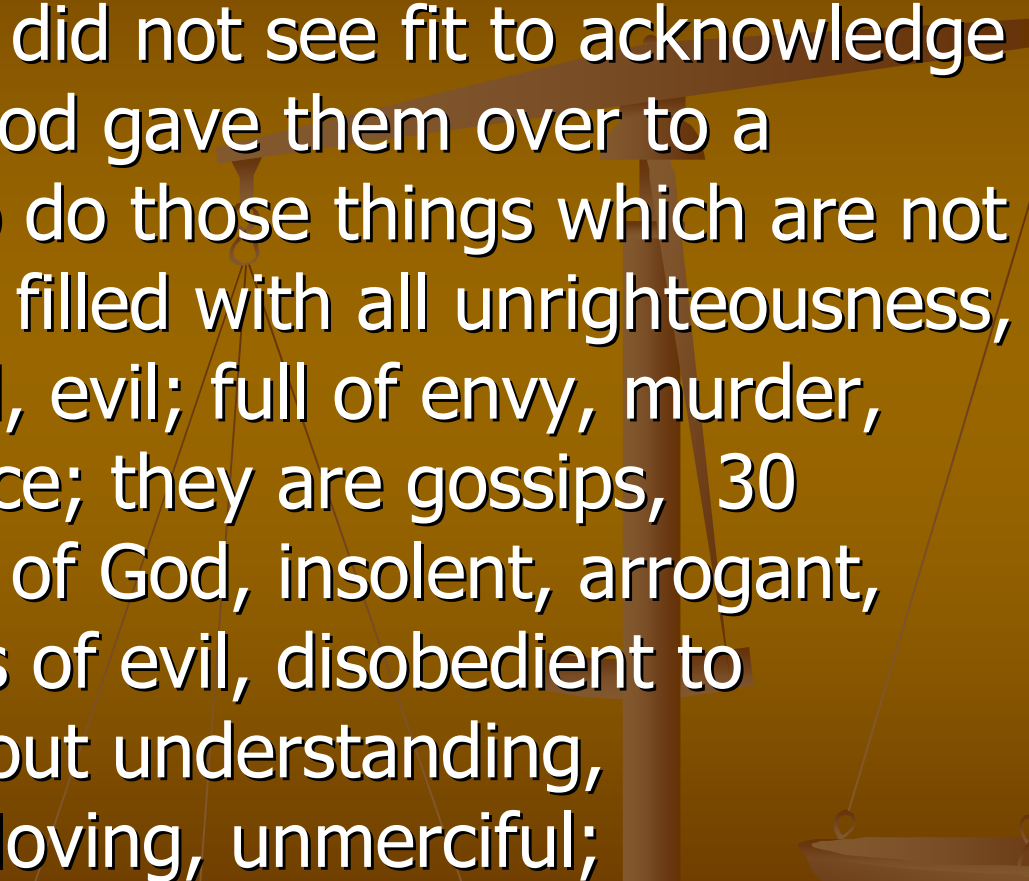
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26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.



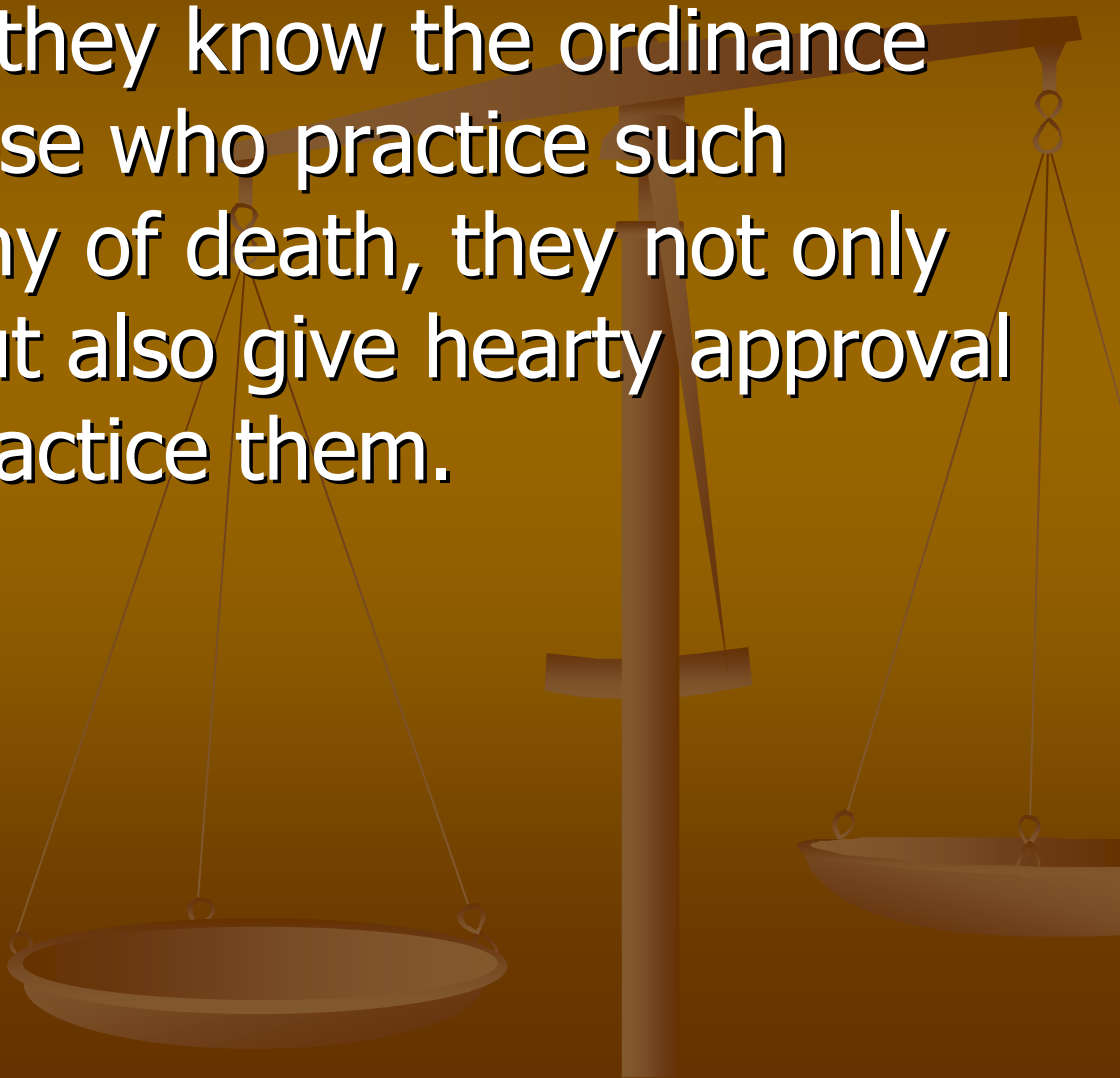
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28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;



# Romans 1:21-32 NASB

32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

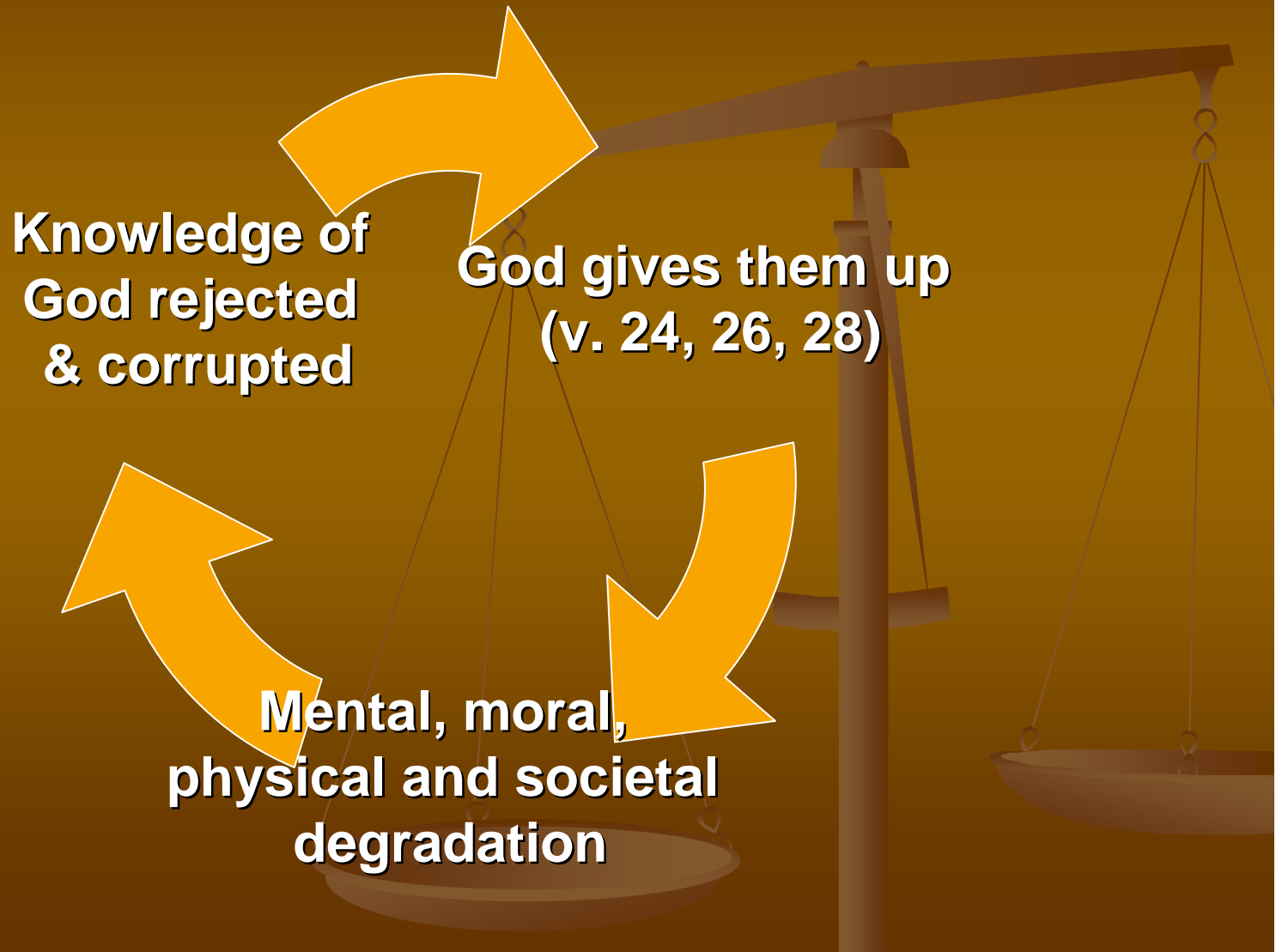


# The Cycle of Moral Corruption

**Knowledge of  
God rejected  
& corrupted**

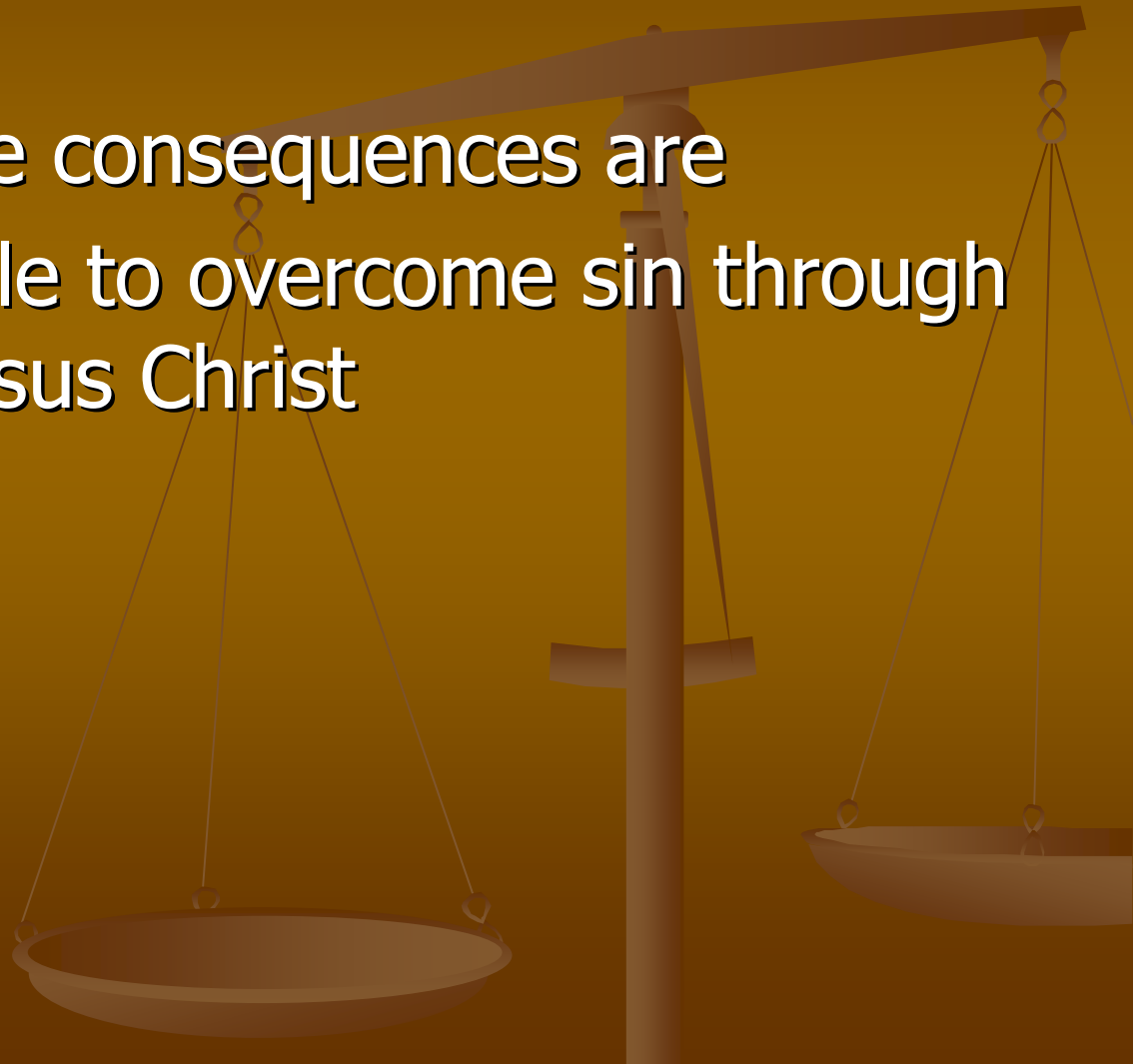
**God gives them up  
(v. 24, 26, 28)**

**Mental, moral,  
physical and societal  
degradation**



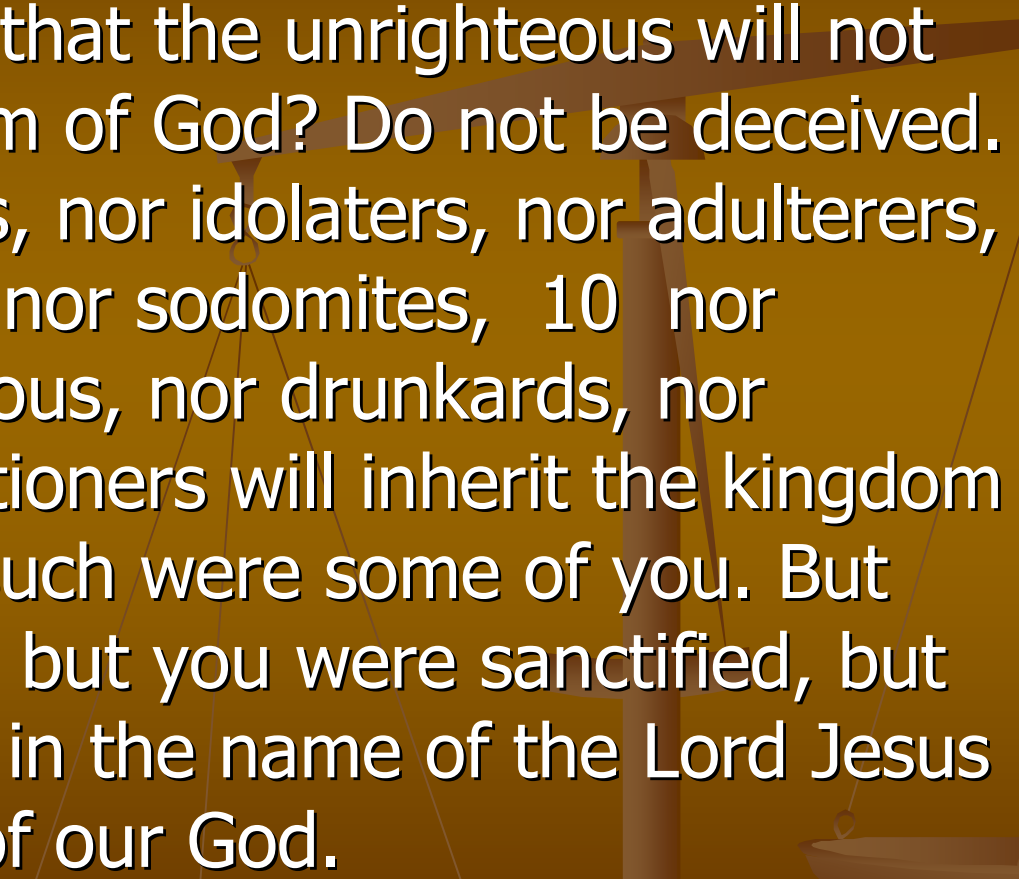
# The World Needs to Know...

- What sin is
- What its horrible consequences are
- That it is possible to overcome sin through the power of Jesus Christ

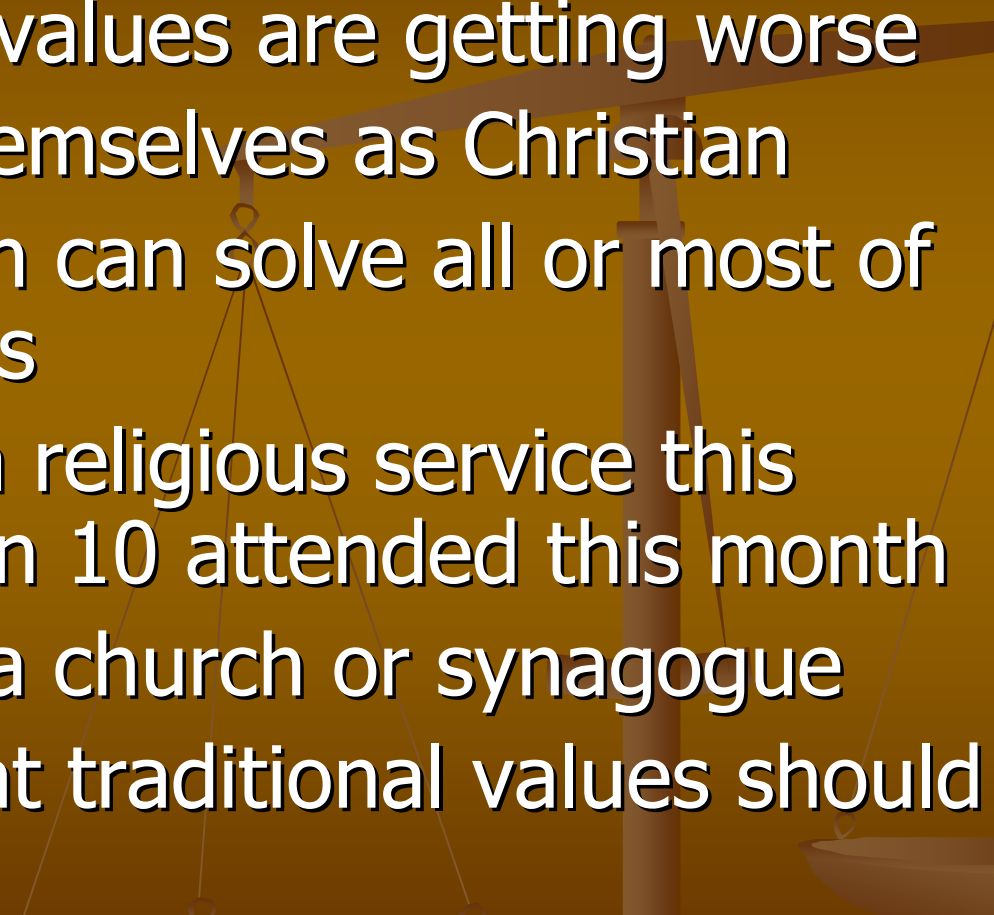


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9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.



# Our Neighbors and Morality

- 71% say moral values are getting worse
  - 76% identify themselves as Christian
  - 57% say religion can solve all or most of today's problems
  - 38% attended a religious service this week; About 6 in 10 attended this month
  - 61% belong to a church or synagogue
  - 58% believe that traditional values should be promoted
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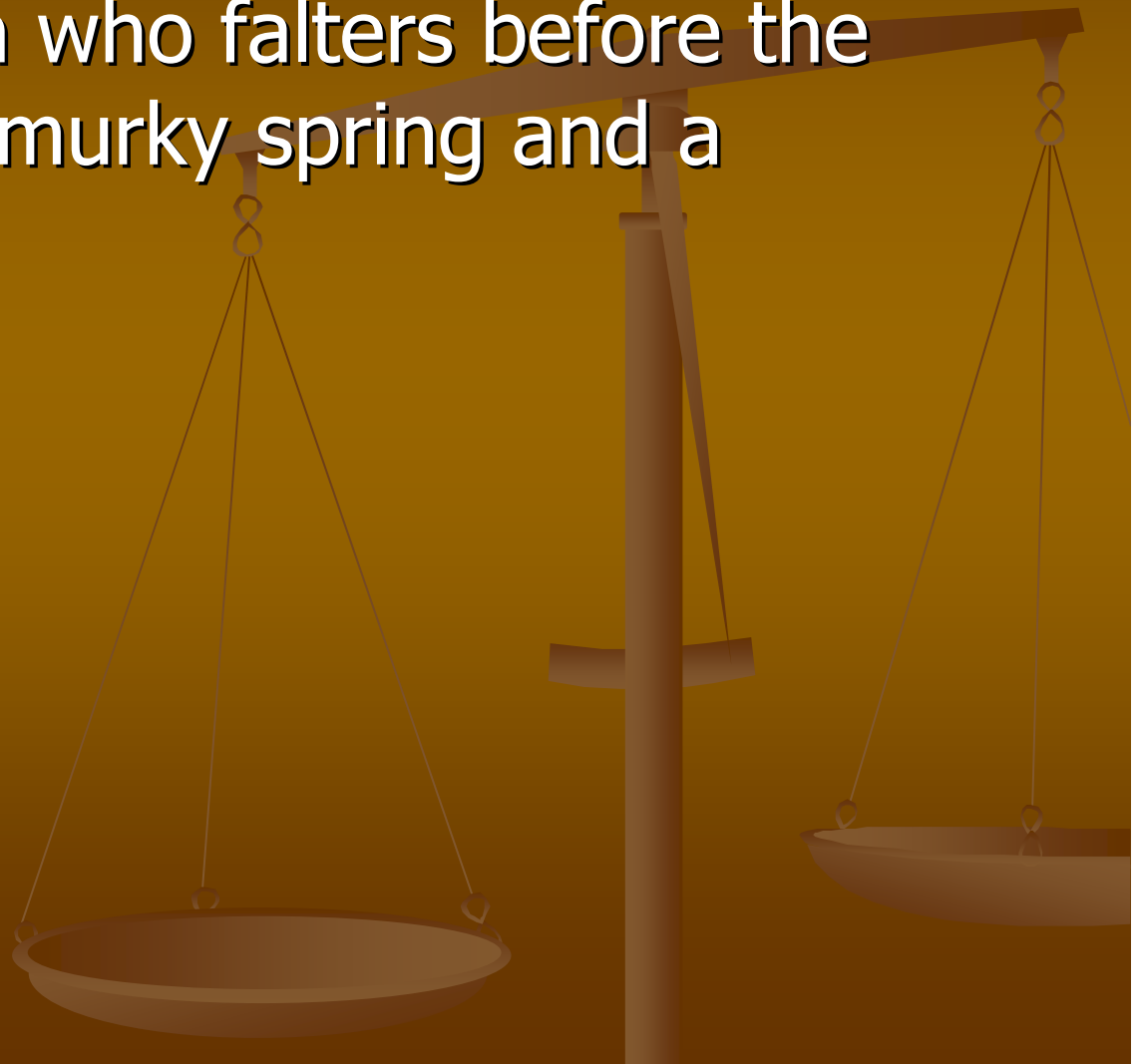
# Proverbs 24:10

<sup>10</sup>If you faint in the day of adversity your strength is small.



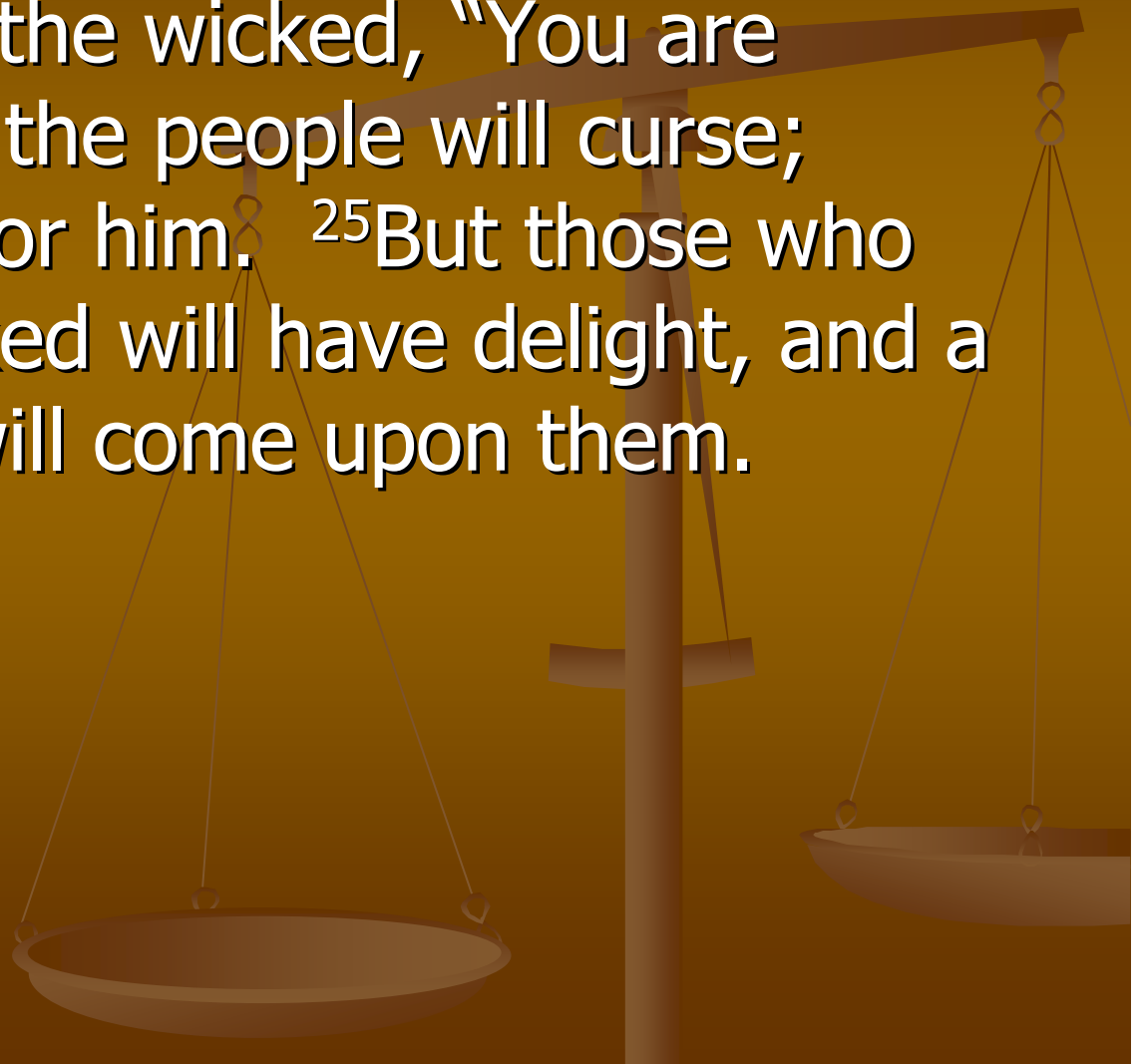
# Proverbs 25:26

<sup>26</sup>A righteous man who falters before the wicked is like a murky spring and a polluted well.



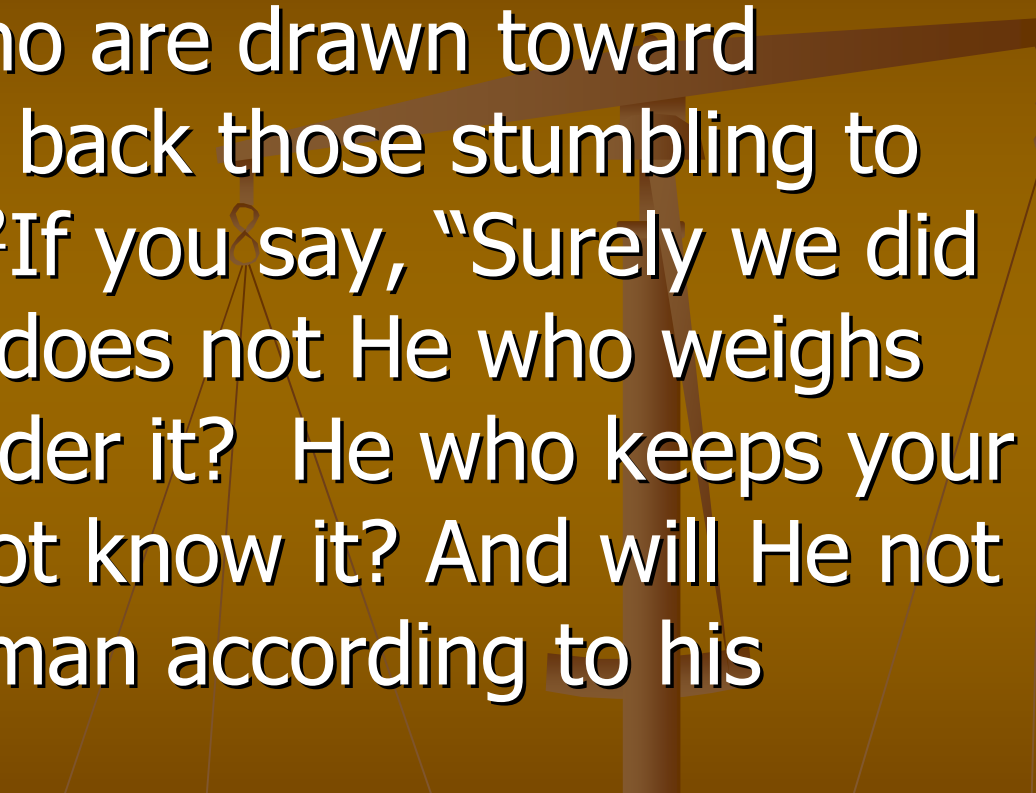
# Proverbs 24:24-25

<sup>24</sup>He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous," him the people will curse; nations will abhor him. <sup>25</sup>But those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, and a good blessing will come upon them.



# Proverbs 24:11-12

<sup>11</sup>Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. <sup>12</sup>If you say, "Surely we did not know this," does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?



# Matthew 5:10-16 NKJV

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

