

GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE PRESENTS

# CHRISTIAN ENGAGEMENT WITH WORLD CULTURE



**Sunday, May 7, 2017**

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# SCHEDULE

4:30 Dinner

5:30 Welcome

5:35pm – Intro – Brian Zuniga

5:50pm - Session 1: Reclaiming Tolerance and Love – Dennis Sorensen

6:15pm - Break

6:25pm - Session 2: The Hierarchy of Values – Mark Holbrook

6:50pm - Session 3: Alignment with God – Matthew Holbrook

7:15pm - Break

7:25pm - Session 4: Christian Social Victims and Victimizers – Mike Sciarra

7:50pm - Q&A

8:30pm - Closing

**SESSION ONE: Reclaiming Tolerance and Love**

# SESSION TWO: The Hierarchy of Values – A Biblical View

## *WHY A HIERARCHY?*

Not all Values are \_\_\_\_\_.

- Examples:
1. Some Values are based on \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Other Values may be \_\_\_\_\_.

Peter's Example:

David's Choice:

## *HOW DO WE DISCERN?*

### **1. God's Explicit Commands:**

**Temporal:** \_\_\_\_\_.

God's means of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Eternal:** \_\_\_\_\_.

Arise from \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Principles:** \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ with  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Precepts:** \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ that  
are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Examples:

**WHEN CHRISTIAN DIFFER**

Sometimes we must *discern* between  
God's \_\_\_\_\_

and our personal \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Examples:

## SESSION Three: Alignment with God

A Christian must strive to live in a way that he/she is aligned with \_\_\_\_\_  
and must use \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid becoming aligned with  
people/organizations/movements/causes that are \_\_\_\_\_  
to God and His purposes.

### Example: Daniel 1:1-9

- 1) Daniel accepted \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Daniel would not associate with \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Daniel was \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_; he was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Daniel was not a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) God granted Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ and made enemies \_\_\_\_\_  
with him (Proverbs 16:7)

### What does it mean to live aligned with God?

1. \_\_\_\_\_: Our decisions about what we do are ultimately decisions about  
who/what we \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 12:1)
2. \_\_\_\_\_: Purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:9-13)
3. \_\_\_\_\_: A Renewed \_\_\_\_\_ =>to prove the will of God.  
(Romans 12:2, 1 Cor. 2:16)

4. \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ in Him (Ps. 37:4)

5. \_\_\_\_\_: A Conformed \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:2)

a. We \_\_\_\_\_ what God \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_: Live in such a way as to \_\_\_\_\_ what God

\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 13:11-14)

*Alignment with God is living to \_\_\_\_\_ Him by \_\_\_\_\_ renewing our*

*\_\_\_\_\_ so that we \_\_\_\_\_ in Him, producing \_\_\_\_\_*

*that act in accordance with what God \_\_\_\_\_.*

**How might a Christian inadvertently become aligned with someone or something that is against God?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

**What should a Christian consider with regard to who he/she supports/contributes to/aligns with?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_.

5. \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Remember:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

# SESSION Four: Christian Social Victims and Victimizers

**The Point:** *Christians should not be quick to identify as victims, should not seek victimhood, should not victimize, and should not be surprised by legitimate victimization. Strive to be a blessing rather than a bully or a baby.*

## A. Bullies are self-centered and they are truly the weak ones.

### 1. How to deal with bullies

- a. Pray for \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Do not answer a \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Don't retaliate, but \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. How Not to be a bully

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Babies are self-centered and cry because someone said something that hurt them.

How to tell if you are a baby:

1. You need more than the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. You are always worried about \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

3. You can't take \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ).

**1. Proper attitude/perspective when "attacked":**

- a. Question your \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ first.
- b. Pray for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Don't \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**2. What truly qualifies as persecution?**

**C. Blessers are Christ-centered and forget about themselves to serve God and others.**

- 1. Resolve to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Resist the temptation to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. Realize that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. Rely on \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Remember you're \_\_\_\_\_!

**Some General Advice:**

**When Dealing with Issues, Ask:**

- 1. Is it a \_\_\_\_\_ issue?
- 2. Is it a \_\_\_\_\_ issue?
- 3. Is it a \_\_\_\_\_ issue?
- 4. Is it a \_\_\_\_\_ issue?

**Ground Rules for Social Interactions:**

1. Understanding comes before \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Seek to understand rather than be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Avoid " \_\_\_\_\_ " arguments.
4. Issues have different \_\_\_\_\_.

**Top 10 wisdom nuggets for all media users:**

1. Never press send when you are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Be very careful what you put in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Pray for wisdom and discernment in the \_\_\_\_\_ of words.
4. If your goal is to \_\_\_\_\_ someone, pick up a phone or better yet talk to them in person.
5. Think about how you would like to be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Ask, what are my \_\_\_\_\_?
7. Count to 10 before pressing send and \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Reread what you have written \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
9. Does what you wrote \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?

10. Forget about yourself and ask God to use you to bless others, and \_\_\_\_\_

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