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# ENGAGING CULTURE-PART 9: WHAT IS THE WAY FORWARD?

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One of the troubling aspects of our culture is that the idea of "everyone doing what is right in their own eyes" is no longer an exception, but is becoming the rule. Because our culture has rejected external moral standards, there has been an increasing polarization as no one standard of right is agreed upon. How do we, as Christians, approach this when we interact with others? Listen and find out.

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A dark, atmospheric photograph of a city street, likely in New York City, with tall buildings lining the street and a bus visible in the foreground. The text is overlaid in the center.

**ENGAGING CULTURE**

**ISSUES IN CULTURE**

# ISSUES IN CULTURE

## Grey Areas that were once taboo in Christian circles

- Going to the movies
- Wearing cosmetics
- Playing cards
- Watching T.V.
- Going to the beach
- Not having a “quiet time” every morning/day.
- Going to a restaurant that sells liquor
- Wearing certain clothes
- Driving certain cars
- Wearing certain jewelry
- Listening to certain music
- Dancing
- Holding a certain job
- Wearing your hair a certain way
- Having lovely possessions
- Getting a face lift
- Drinking coffee
- Eating certain foods
- Working out in leotards

# ISSUES IN CULTURE

*<sup>14</sup> Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers.*

*<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

# ISSUES IN CULTURE

*<sup>16</sup> But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.*

*<sup>17</sup> And their message will spread like cancer. . . .*

*<sup>23</sup> . . . But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.*

# ENGAGING CULTURE

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# ISSUES IN CULTURE

**What Does God Say About Issues  
Like Marijuana?**

# ISSUES IN CULTURE

*Revelation 9:21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.*

Sorcery (magic arts/spells, witchcraft)

Greek: Pharmakea (pharmacy)

Word used in 3 ways in Greek world

1. A harmful drug; poison.
2. A drug used as a controlling medium (magic potion);
3. A healing remedy

# ISSUES IN CULTURE

## Alcohol in a Negative Light

*Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.*

See also Proverbs 23:29-35

# ISSUES IN CULTURE

## Alcohol in a Neutral & Medicinal Light

*Proverbs 31:6 Give strong drink to the one who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter distress;*

*1 Timothy 5:23 (Stop drinking just water, but use a little wine for your digestion and your frequent illnesses.)*

*See also Genesis 14:18, Melchizedek; Nehemiah*

# ISSUES IN CULTURE

## Alcohol in a Positive Light

*Deuteronomy 14:26 and spend the money for whatever you desire-- oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household.*

*See also Genesis 14:18, Melchisedech; Nehemiah*

# ISSUES IN CULTURE

Ephesians 5:15-18 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,  
<sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

<sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

# ISSUES IN CULTURE

**Debauchery:** ( having no hope of safety)

1. The act of one who has abandoned himself to reckless immoral behavior debauchery, dissipation, incorrigibility.
2. Extreme indulgence that results in a loss of control; esp. bodily/sexual, behaviors involving sex, drugs, alcohol; considered immoral.

# ISSUES IN CULTURE

1 Corinthians 6:12 "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be brought under the power of any.

1 Corinthians 10:23 "All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up.

# ISSUES IN CULTURE

## Galatians 2:20

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*