

### WHAT IS GOOD AND EVIL?

GOOD is anything IN HARMONY

with the nature, character, and conduct of God.

Surely God is good...

Psalm 73:1

EVIL is anything OUT OF STEP

with the <u>nature</u>, character and conduct of <u>God</u>.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil. Matthew 6:13

## GOODNESS IS ONLY POSSIBLE THROUGH RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.

3 John 1:11

# THE PHILOSOPHICAL FORMULA FOR EVIL IN OUR AGE INDIVIDUALISM

What's in it for me?

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. <sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus... *Philippians 2:3-5* 

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#### **HEDONISM**

If it feels good, do it!

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup> People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. <sup>6</sup> They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, <sup>7</sup> always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

2 Timothy 3:1-7



#### **MINIMALISM**

What's the least I can do?

Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. *James 5:10-11* 

#### **NEXT STEPS**

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