EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A CHANGED WORLD #5: EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A **CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY 1.** God and the Bible is the Foundation for All <u>Morality</u> Because God IS(!) The Moral <u>Standard</u> (2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 7:1)

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A **CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY** 2 Cor. 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A **CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY** ¹⁵ What accord has Christ with **Belial?** Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY ¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A **CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY** ¹⁷ Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome



EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY ¹⁸ and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A **CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY** ² Cor. 7:1Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY 2. God's Morality and the World's are **Complete** <u>**Opposites**</u> (We Must Never(!) Be **Blinded by the World's Morality Because of** 'Love', Expediency, or <u>Warped Beliefs</u>) (Judges 21:5)

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY Judges 21:5 And the people of Israel said, "Which of all the tribes of Israel did not come up in the assembly to the LORD?" For they had taken a great oath concerning him who did not come up to the LORD to Mizpah, saying, "He shall surely be put to death."

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY

"Everybody's got an opportunity to make choices and decisions. There's no such thing as being in the wrong place at the wrong time. You have to be responsible about who you're with, who you're around, what you do, and who you associate yourself with, along with the situations you put yourself in. It is what it is, but there is cause and effect when you make choices and decisions that put you in bad situations."

-- Coach Nick Saban

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A **CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY 3. Morality Does Not Equal** Salvation - Duh! (We're Moral Because We're <u>Saved</u> - We're Not Saved Because We're Moral.)

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY

4. <u>Righteousness</u> is the

Key for the Christian

(Psalm 101:1-7)

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY Psalm 101:1I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A **CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY** ² I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house;

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A **CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY** ³I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY

⁴ A perverse heart shall be

far from me; I will know

nothing of evil.

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A **CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY** ⁵ Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy. Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not endure. EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A **CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY** ⁶ I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me.

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A **CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY** ⁷No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes.

EN(COURAGE)MENT IN A **CHANGED WORLD #5: MORALITY Righteous = "Being right in the eyes of** God, which includes character (nature), conscience (attitude), conduct (actions), and communication (word) – and it's all based on God's standard, not man's."



Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

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