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BIBLE WITH STRONG'S







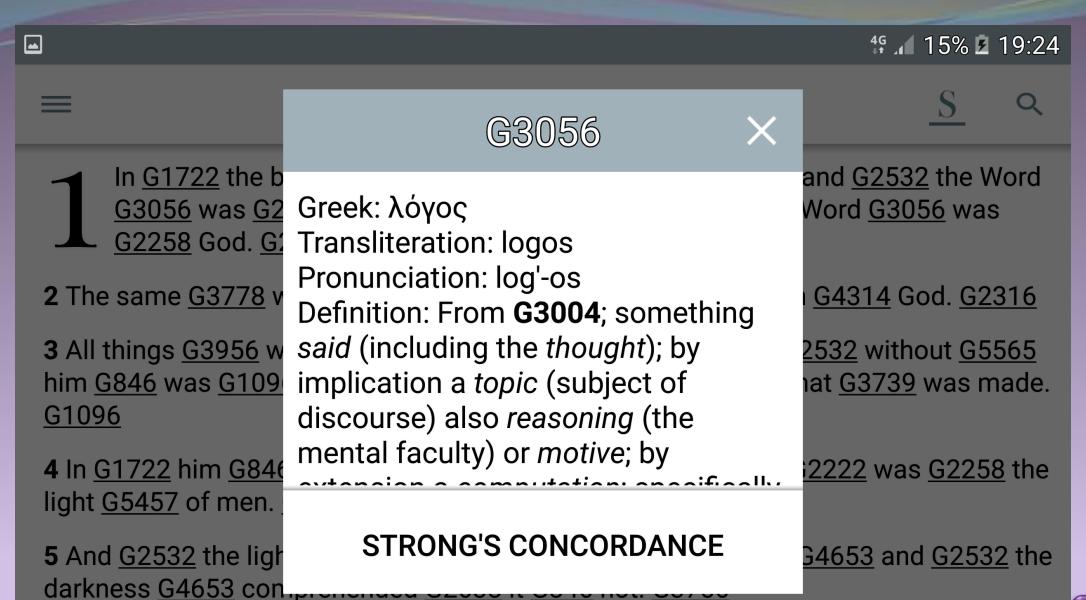
John 1 ▼





- In <u>G1722</u> the beginning <u>G746</u> was <u>G2258</u> the Word, <u>G3056</u> and <u>G2532</u> the Word <u>G3056</u> was <u>G2258</u> with <u>G4314</u> God, <u>G2316</u> and <u>G2532</u> the Word <u>G3056</u> was <u>G2258</u> God. <u>G2316</u>
- **2** The same <u>G3778</u> was <u>G2258</u> in <u>G1722</u> the beginning <u>G746</u> with <u>G4314</u> God. <u>G2316</u>
- **3** All things <u>G3956</u> were made <u>G1096</u> by <u>G1223</u> him; <u>G846</u> and <u>G2532</u> without <u>G5565</u> him <u>G846</u> was <u>G1096</u> not <u>G3761</u> any thing <u>G1520</u> made <u>G1096</u> that <u>G3739</u> was made. G1096
- **4** In <u>G1722</u> him <u>G846</u> was <u>G2258</u> life; <u>G2222</u> and <u>G2532</u> the life <u>G2222</u> was <u>G2258</u> the light <u>G5457</u> of men. <u>G444</u>
- **5** And G2532 the light G5457 shineth G5316 in G1722 darkness; G4653 and G2532 the darkness G4653 comprehended G2638 it G846 not. G3756







The Parable of the Sower Luke 8: 4-15



Mark 4: 13 says

Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?

This Parable is a prophetic word to the mordern day church - the theme is **fruitfulness**

II Cor. 5: 17-18

Matthew 12: 22



Luke 8: 10 says

To you it has been given to know the mysteries (hidden secrets) of the kingdom of God, but for others they are given in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.

You is the disciples, who represent the modern-day disciples of Christ, the sons of God, the sheep

Matthew 13: 14-15 says...



Indeed in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says

"You will indeed <u>hear</u> but never understand, and you will indeed <u>see</u> but never perceive.

For this people's heart has grown dull (waxed gross), and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them."

Jesus was talking about people brought up in <u>religion</u> here... people who are basically <u>teleological</u>

So why do the Jews have a problem with seeing and hearing...

John 1: 1 and 3

In the beginning was the <u>Word</u>, and the <u>Word</u> was with God, and the <u>Word</u> was God... All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

Genesis 2: 4, 5, 7-9, 15, 16-17, 19, 21-22

Word = logos

Genesis 2: 9, 16-17 a word spoken by a King

Genesis 3: 6 (see James 3: 15-17)



As soon as they sinned...

The devil took his <u>narrative</u> (language, lies, influence) to another level...

Man went into survival mode (each man for himself) and

All humans went into the flesh (functioning opposite to the *fruit of the spirit*)

All humans are **corrupt**, they are **rebels**



Before sin

Genesis 1: 10, 12, 18, 21, 25 (good) 31 (very good)

After sin

Genesis 6: 5 - the thoughts of man are evil continually

Genesis 6: 11 - the earth is corrupt and filled with violence

6: 12 - all humans are corrupt on the earth

He began to put the systems of the world in place, and he began to establish the changed nature of man.

He didn't do it by himself, man helped him along



Things to remember

Matthew 7: 17-18 - a corrupt tree cannot produce good fruit

Genesis 3: 13 - Eve said,

'the serpent **beguiled** me and I ate'



Here's an easy way to remember these kingdoms

- A Arts Sport and Entertainment
- **B** Business Finance and Economics
- C Christian Religion
- **D** Me**D**ia
- **E** Education
- **F** Family
- **G** Govt. and Law
- a. k. a. spheres of influence, mountains of culture and gates of hell





These are the kingdoms of the world that are currently ruling in a man's life.

But the question is:

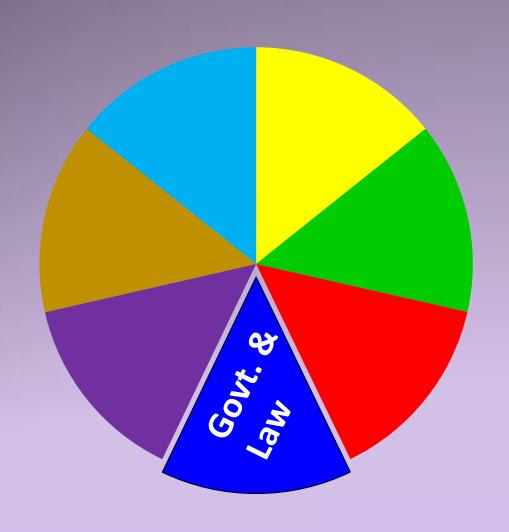
'How are they ruling?' or

'How are they taking over man's life?'

- > Remember that man is in the flesh
- The systems were set up under the influence of the devil.

Well, let's have a look...





6 dispensations:

Genesis 9: 1 - 7 (human government, from the flood to Abraham's promise) 3 conditions for self government

Job is in this period

Job 24: 13 - men are still rebels

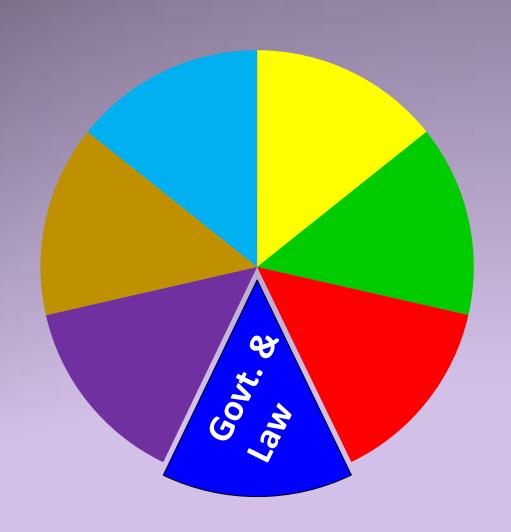
Job 24: 14-17 - law-breakers

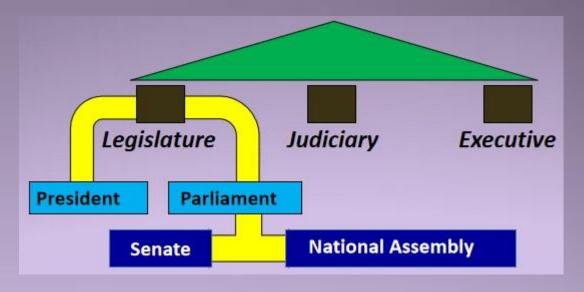
Job 31: 28 - system of judges

Job 33: 11 - Prison system

Judges is God's way Deut. 1, Judges







But man is basically corrupt... yet he's responsible to govern.

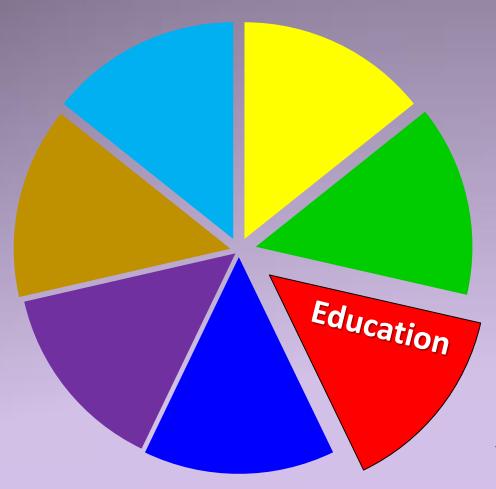
But why is man law-abiding?

law enforcement/ checks + balances









Content - science / scientists

Eduction functions in the system of survival + each man for himself

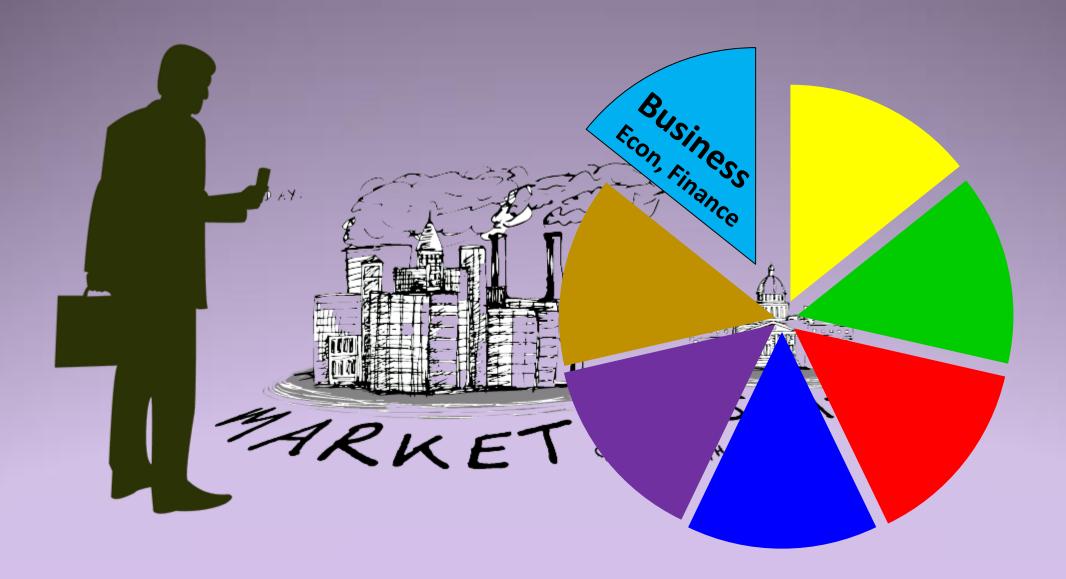
It encourages <u>selfishness</u> and <u>competition</u> designed by fallen man

These prepare you for life in the world

Narrative is: good education, good job, lots of \$, wife, family, good life

After school narrative: He's done well **for himself**







Genesis 1: 26 Let us make <u>man</u> in our image... let <u>them</u> have dominion

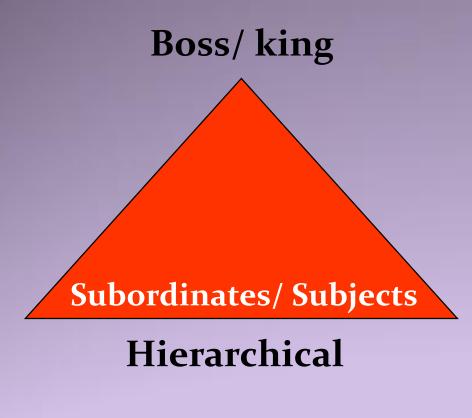
Genesis 2: 15 WORK

Genesis 3: 17-19 - the curse of WORK and each man for himself

Entitlement

Matthew 20: 1-16 - Labourers in the vineyard - entitlement

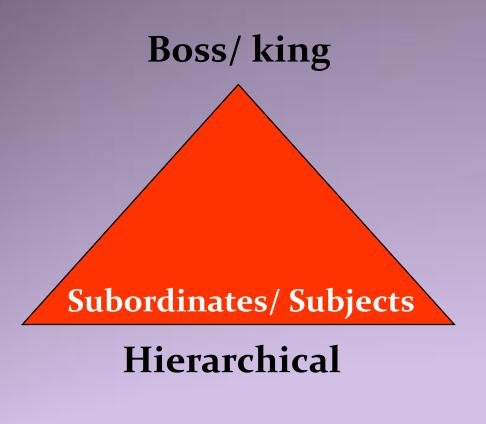




Pyramid of work

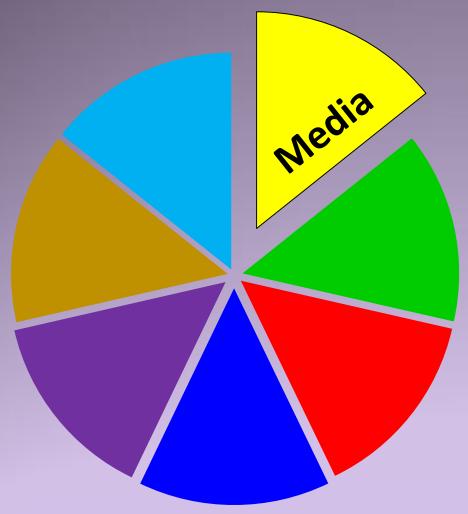
- Here mammon is the primary motivation
- gifts, skills, talents, cultivated abilities are sold to the highest bidder
- There are a few successful people at top
- Working class at the bottom
- Gap between rich and poor increases





Statistics of people at the top of the pyramid:

- The combined wealth of 85 people = combined wealth of 3.5 billion
- > 500 global co's account for 70% of GDP
- > 3 out of the 4 biggest stockholders are energy companies;
- > Next is 10 banks and financial institutions
- Next 4 or 5 players each in electronics or auto industries



Satan twisted language and culture - everything - for his seed (**Genesis 3: 15**)

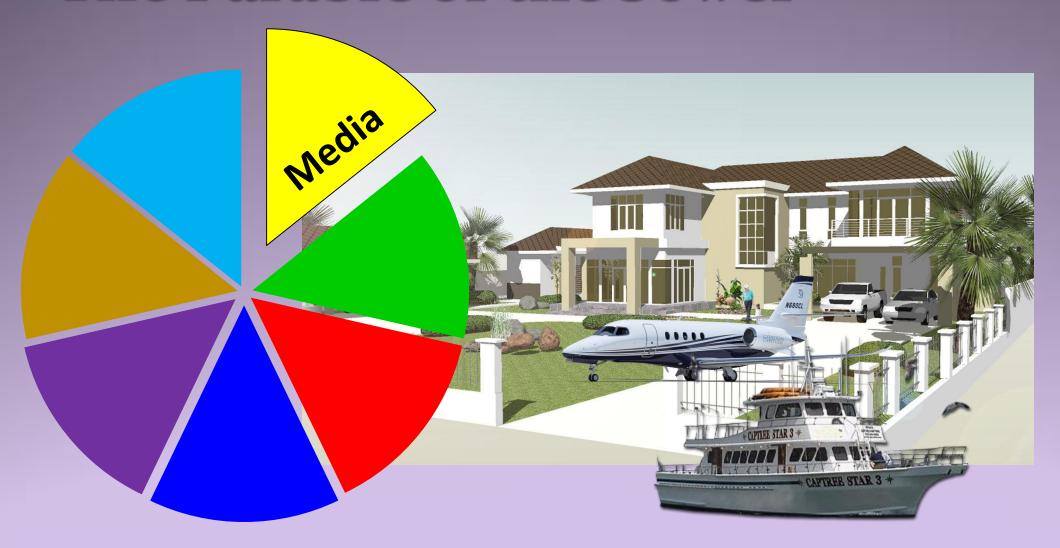
Isaiah 5: 20-23

Jesus twice referred to sons of Satan in John 8: 44 and Matthew 23: 15

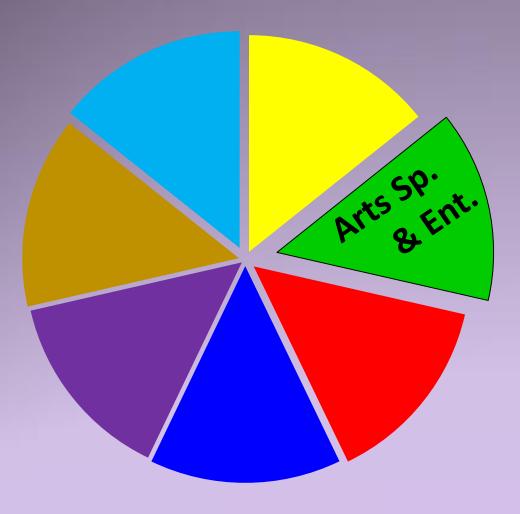
Eccl. 1:8b confirms the nature of the flesh

Media appeals to both **body** and soul using TV, newspapers, magazines, internet









II Cor. 4: 4 mind-blinding / beguiling

He inserts his language in content

Over time we accept the lies, e.g.

- Hypnotists
- Swearing
- Casual Sex
- Violence

He takes advantage of our teleological nature and weakness of the flesh through:

- Repetition
- Seasons

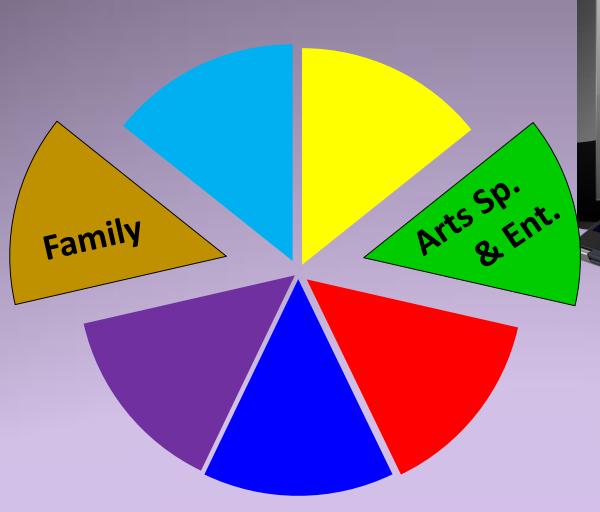


- Perpetuating divide and rule -
- in different classes
- in the home



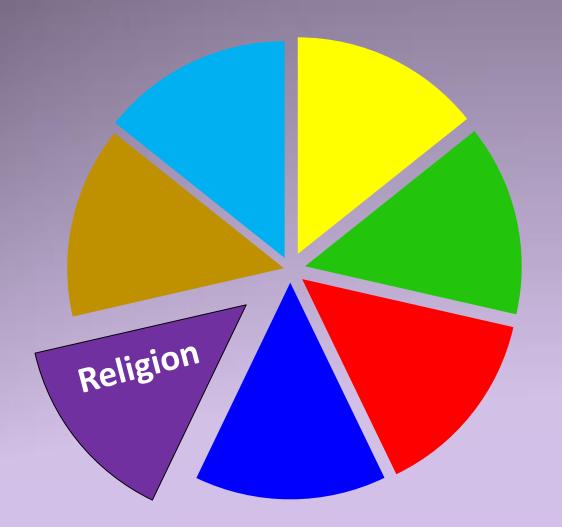












So, what's the religion kingdom doing?

Is it impacting the world?

Or is it fitting in with the world?



Activity	Time Allocated (Hours)
TV time - includes watching sport, series, movies etc	25
Reading books, newspapers, internet articles, social media	6
Sleeping	50
Eating, socializing, visiting friends	14
Employment	40
Other activities like golf, social soccer, shopping, school, study	6
Commuting	14
Church activities	5
Actual family time (outside of TV)	4
Bible reading, devotions, prayer time	4
TOTAL AVAILABLE TIME	168



What is this showing us?

The <u>Language of heaven</u> has become a <u>foreign</u> language.

Sapir Whorf Hypothesis

This is the theory that the language you speak determines how you think and affects how you see everything.



Now let's look at Jesus' explanation of the Parable of the Sower: a message to the church

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Verse 19 (spends up to 2 hrs a week at church)

When <u>anyone</u> hears the <u>word of the kingdom</u> (receives the seed), and <u>understands it not</u>, then comes the wicked one and <u>catches away</u> that which was sown in his heart, This is he that received seed <u>by the wayside</u>.



Matthew 13: 19-23 (fruitfulness of believers)

Verse 20-21 (spends up to 3 hrs a week at church)

But he that received the seed into **stony places**, the same is he that hears the **word**, and immediately **with joy receives it**. Yet he has no **root** in himself, but endures for a while: for when **tribulation or persecution arises because of the word**, by and by he is offended.

Matthew 13: 19-23 (fruitfulness of believers)

Verse 22 (spends up to 5 hrs a week at church)

He also that received seed <u>among the thorns</u> is he that hears the <u>word</u>; but <u>the cares of this world</u>, and <u>the deceitfulness of riches</u> (and <u>the lust for other</u> things Mark 4:19) entering in, <u>chokes the word</u>, and he becomes <u>unfruitful</u>.



Deut. 8: 17

And you say in your heart, my power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth, but you shall remember the LORD your God for it is He that gives you the power to get wealth

Proverbs 18: 11

A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as a high wall in his own conceits.



Matthew 13: 19-23 (fruitfulness of believers)

Verse 23 (<u>live in the word</u>)

But he that received seed into the **good ground** is he that hears **the word** and **understands it**; which also **bears fruit**, and brings forth, some a **hundredfold**, **some sixty**, **some thirty**.

Those who are 100fold fruitful are sons of God (Romans 8: 14)



The devil's systems are having a field day in the world!

But we need to tip the scales and

raise sons of God...

Romans 8: 29

Hebrews 2: 10

Sons of God are joint heirs with Christ
The Son of God showed in John how sons of God live
—they follow Jesus.



To tip the scales, a great exchange must take place

Ecclesiastes 10: 5 - 7

Ephesians 4: 22-24

That ye <u>put off</u> concerning the former conversation the <u>old</u> <u>man</u>, which is <u>corrupt</u> according to the <u>deceitful lusts</u>; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye <u>put on the</u> <u>new man</u>, which <u>after God is created in righteousness</u> <u>and true holiness</u>.

