

YOUNG GIFTED

AND UNDER ATTACK



CITY *of Praise*
FAMILY MINISTRIES

I. Satan doesn't mind you being a you
Christian as long as the culture shapes
your Christian walk into being FAKE!

Cultural Christianity is religion that superficially identifies itself as “Christianity” but does not truly adhere to the faith. A “cultural Christian” is a nominal believer—he wears the label “Christian,” but the label has more to do with his family background and upbringing than any personal conviction that Jesus is Lord. Cultural Christianity is more social than spiritual. A cultural Christian identifies with certain aspects of Christianity, such as the good works of Jesus, but rejects the spiritual aspects required to be a biblically defined Christian.

Some people consider themselves “Christians” because of family background, personal experience, country of residence, or social environment. Others identify as “Christian” as a way of declaring a religious affiliation, as opposed to being “Muslim” or “Buddhist.” Famed scientist and atheist Richard Dawkins refers to himself as a “cultural Christian” because he admires some of the ceremonial and philanthropic aspects of Christianity. Dawkins is not born again; he simply sees “Christianity” as a label to use.

2 Timothy 3:5

5 holding to a form of [outward] godliness (religion), although they have denied its power [for their conduct nullifies their claim of faith]. Avoid such people and keep far away from them. (See Ephesians 6:12)

II. Because the younger generation is the major part of God's plan they are also the major partner in satan's plan.



The SETUP



King Nebuchadnezzar wanted youth because strategically, you must brainwash the youth to control the earth.

🌟Nebuchadnezzar conquers Judah and shares his secret plot to brainwash the new nation.

Daniel 1:3-4

3 Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family [those representing good family image] and of the nobility [those who are famous],

4 youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans [youth with moldable minds who would one day be the leaders and decision makers].

IV. Through fulfilling their pleasure and feeding their impulses the enemy slowly made the young adults develop an appetite for what he loved.

Daniel 1:5

5 The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. [influence them by showing the good side of their culture].

Daniel 1:6-7

Look who he picked. 😂😂😂

6 Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah.

7 And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.

V. The music was the
triggering hypnotizer...

Daniel 3:5&6

5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

6 And whoso falleth not down and worshippingeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

VI. So I'd like to introduce you to a guy who got everything your culture promises.

King Solomon was an emperor, billionaire, husband to 700 wives and 300 concubines, and was considered the smartest man on earth. He had influence and power, and achieved the American dream before there was ever an America. Yet, having every earthly desire still left him empty.

VII. The enemy wants you to try all that the world has to offer, and when you find it is useless he will repackaging it for you to try it all again. Cycle.

1. He tried pleasure.

Ecclesiastes 2:1-2

1 I thought to myself, "Now I want to experiment with pleasure and enjoy myself." But even this was pointless.

2 I thought, "Laughter doesn't make any sense. What does pleasure accomplish?"

2. He tried drinking,
drugs

Ecclesiastes 2:3

3 I explored ways to make myself feel better by drinking wine. I also explored ways to do [some] foolish things...

3. He immersed himself
in business.

Ecclesiastes 2:4&9

4 I accomplished some great things: I built houses for myself. I planted vineyards for myself.

9 So I grew richer than anyone in Jerusalem before me. Yet, my wisdom remained with me.

4. Solomon tries to fulfill himself with the wild life.

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

10 If something appealed to me, I did it. I allowed myself to have any pleasure I wanted, since I found pleasure in my work. This was my reward for all my hard work.

11 But when I turned to look at all that I had accomplished and all the hard work I had put into it, I saw that it was all pointless. [It was like] trying to catch the wind. I gained nothing [from any of my accomplishments] under the sun.

5. He decides to find true happiness in education.

Ecclesiastes 2:12&16

12 Then I turned [my attention] to experience wisdom, madness, and foolishness. For instance, what can the man who replaces the king do? Only what has already been done.

16 Neither the wise person nor the fool will be remembered for long, since both will be forgotten in the days to come. Both the wise person and the fool will die.

6. He even wished for
suicide.

Ecclesiastes 2:17-18

17 So I came to hate life because everything done under the sun seemed wrong to me. Everything was pointless. [It was like] trying to catch the wind.

18 I came to hate everything for which I had worked so hard under the sun, because I will have to leave it to the person who replaces me.

I. Emptiness is actually a sign that you are using insufficient devices to satisfy your life.

Ecclesiastes 1:14 (LT)

14 I observed everything going on under the sun, and really, it is all meaningless—like chasing the wind.

So how does a
young adult ?

A. Beware of trying to fit in to people, clicks and groups that are weak minded and live to satisfy those on social media.

1 Peter 2:9-10

9-10 But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

B. Please realize you cannot gratify your life by trying to satisfy your body.

Galatians 5:24–25 (ESV)

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

C. Last Word: FIND
YOUR PURPOSE.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (AMP)

11 He has made everything beautiful and appropriate in its time. He has also planted eternity [a sense of divine purpose] in the human heart [mysterious longing which nothing under the sun can satisfy, except God]—yet man cannot find out (comprehend, grasp) what God has done (His overall plan) from the beginning to the en

Romans 12:1-3ESV

1-3 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Triggered by music to begin idol worship