

Deeper - Meditating on God's Word

GROWING IN GRACE

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

- 1) If you LEAN on the CUTTING EDGE of Culture it will IMPALE you.
- 2) To "trust in the Lord" is not to kiss your brains goodbye, it is to ENLIVEN and ORIENT your mind.
- 3) The Lord is sovereign over every square inch of the universe.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading:

Almighty God, Creator of all things and SOVEREIGN over all, please help me to trust in You with all that I am: mind, will, heart, AFFECTIONS and strength. Help me to not rely on my own understanding instead. Help me to humbly acknowledge You in every FACET of my life. I thank You that You will keep me on the path that goes straight to Your presence and rule. In Jesus' Name, AMEN.

I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."



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Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am service. Nursery children meet in the Green Room in the basement (ask a door host). Sunday school kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.

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Today's service:
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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 26th, 2018



Wednesday

7:30pm - 84 Fairmont

Thursday

10am - Moms & Tots

(see Anna Hadwen)

7pm - 267 Sunnyside Ave

(will resume September 27th)

7pm - 110 Nelson St

MESSIAH YOUTH
begins

September 18th @
Mutchmor Public
School @7pm

Begins September 12th UCU Agora!

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lights/sound, mentoring!

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Being Human

Dear Friends,

Being human, a person, is not separate or different from being a human being. To say this is to be counter-cultural, but we Christians have to learn to be winsomely and faithfully counter-cultural.

Many recent movies explore what it means to be a person. They do this by creating a world where we ask ourselves, "When does an android become a person?"

In Ex Machina, the android is a "machine" that looks human. But this is not enough, the question is whether or not it can "think" like a human being. A young researcher goes to rigorously administer the Turing Test, and sort out whether the android has consciousness and is capable of thought – and therefore a person, just like you and me, only not human. The recent Netflix movie Extinction also involves androids which look human. However, merely "looking human" is not enough. The androids become a person when they start to feel emotions. So the presence of human emotions is what makes them a person like you and me. The android is not a human being, but it is a person because it has emotions.

These movies assume that "being a person" and "being a human being" are not synonymous. A robot, or a computer, or an android can become a person when it is able to think or feel. To be a person, one must "pass" this criteria. So it is, that as long as the android cannot "think" or "feel", it is alright to own it as property and treat it as a thing. As soon as it becomes a person, then it should not be owned as property and should not be treated as a thing.

To many people in our culture, especially among the intellectual class, being human does not make you a person. To be a person, the human being has to pass the same test as the android – be able to think or feel. Until a human being pass the "person test", he or she can be treated as property or a "thing". At the same time, when a human being can no longer pass the "person test", the human being is no longer a person, and can be treated as a thing, or an animal, property to deal with as we, the "persons", see fit. So it is, that in seeking to exalt the "person", modern thought is deeply, blindly, and tragically anti-human.

Biology shows that every human being begins as a single fertilized cell in a woman's womb and then develops till death, leaving the same DNA. This is what it means to be human. The bible teaches the deep, inalienable, God given dignity of every human being, no matter how young or how old; how "able" or how "disabled". To be human is to be made in the image of God – it is to bear God's image. A human being does not have to pass a test to have value and worth. Our value and worth comes from God and is inextricably woven into creation. There is no disconnect between being a person and being a human being. Every human being is a person, being in God's image, worthy of love and respect, full of dignity.

Friends, be counter-cultural!

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