

# GODSHIP

... your eyes will  
be opened, and you  
will be like God ...

Genesis 3:5

This lesson pinpoints the beginning of man's original rebellion against God and the results. Ever since Eve's conversation with Satan, man has sought to be like God. We coined the term "godship" for this basic problem of mankind. Godship (sin) is the term used to identify: **(1) an individual functioning as his or her own god, (2) the self-life or walking after the flesh, (3) an individual living without considering what God has to say, or (4) allowing circumstances or feelings to rule instead of God.**

This lesson has often been used by God to change people's lives. Ask the Lord to open your heart to His truth.

## **EXERCISING GODSHIP**

- Determining standards of conduct for myself, others, and God.**
- Demanding absolute obedience to those standards.**
- Judging God, others, and my life, attitudes, and actions by those standards.**
- Seeking revenge.**
- Selfishly endeavoring to control circumstances and people.**
- Exercising “sovereign” independence, doing whatever I please.**
- Seeking praise, approval, & acceptance from others and not from God.**
- Asking no help or guidance from anyone, not even God.**

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## ***NOTES***

## GOD BEING GOD:

- **Determines standards of conduct for mankind**—*Ex. 20:1-17*
- **Demands absolute obedience to those standards**—*Gen. 22:1-12*
- **Judges the lives, actions, and attitudes of man**—*Gen. 18:25; Acts 17:31*
- **Takes vengeance**—*Ps. 94:1; Rom. 12:17-19*
- **Controls all of life**—*Job 12:13-25; Acts 17:24-28a*
- **Exercises sovereign independence, doing whatever He pleases**—*Ps. 135:5-6; Dan. 4:35*
- **Seeks the praise, worship, and acceptance of mankind**—*Isa. 42:8; John 4:23*
- **Asks help and guidance from no one**—*Isa. 40:13-14; Rom. 11:33-34*

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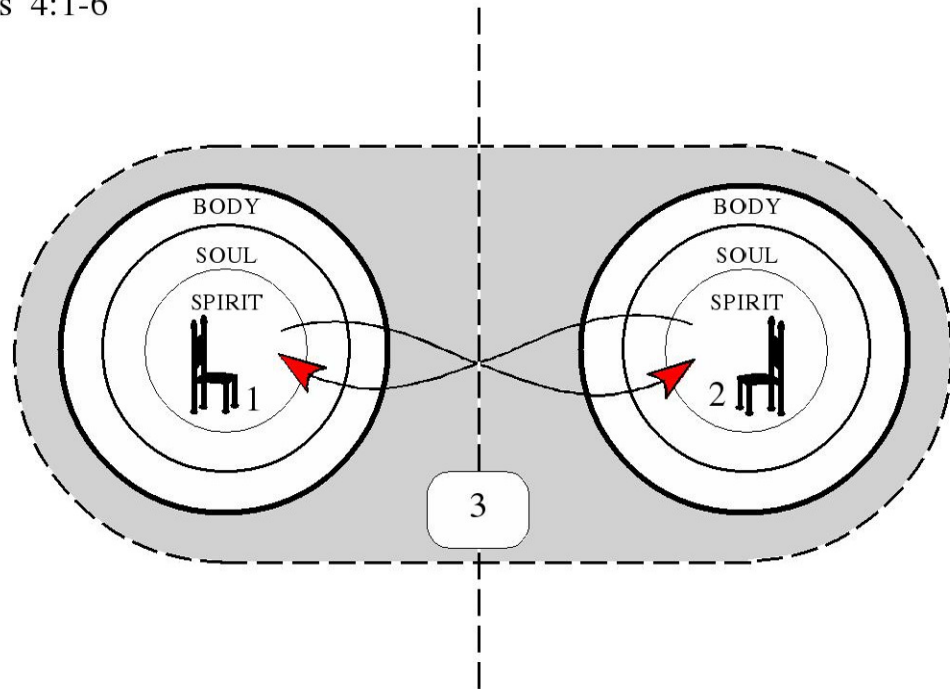
## **NOTES**

<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>GOOD AND EVIL</b>	
<p><b>GOD'S LAWS</b> <i>(Absolute)</i></p>	<p><i>Whatever God, out of His infinite goodness, justice, and love, states to be ultimately for man's blessing and God's own glory</i></p>	<p><b>GOD</b></p> <p><i>Whatever God rejects as being inconsistent with His perfect righteousness and therefore against His good purposes in the world</i></p>
<p><b>MAN'S LAWS</b> <i>(Relative)</i></p> <p>Judges 21:25</p>	<p><i>Whatever is personally thought at present to be beneficial to the greatest number of persons or to the persons of greatest importance</i></p>	<p><b>SELF</b></p> <p><i>Whatever is rejected by the present consensus and therefore is perceived as being bad for society</i></p>
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# THREE KINGDOMS

Ephesians 4:1-6

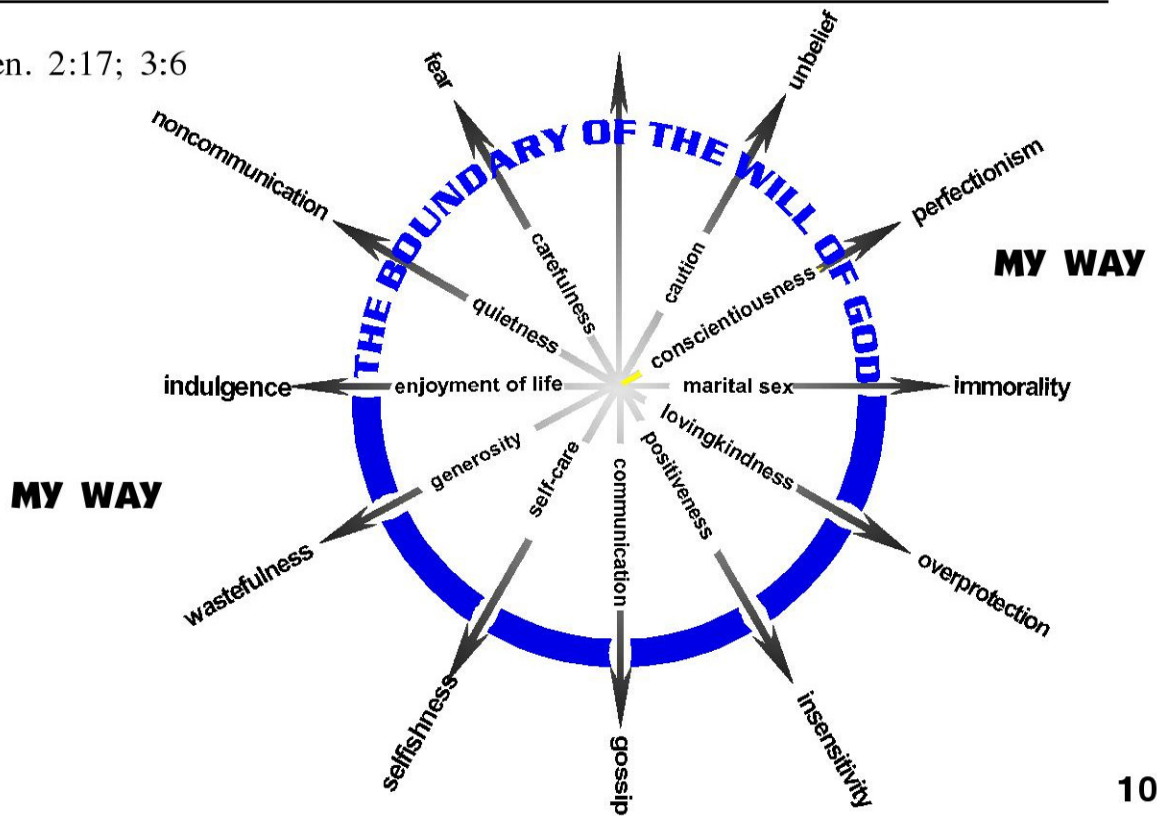


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# “GOOD” TAKEN BEYOND THE BOUNDS—IS SIN

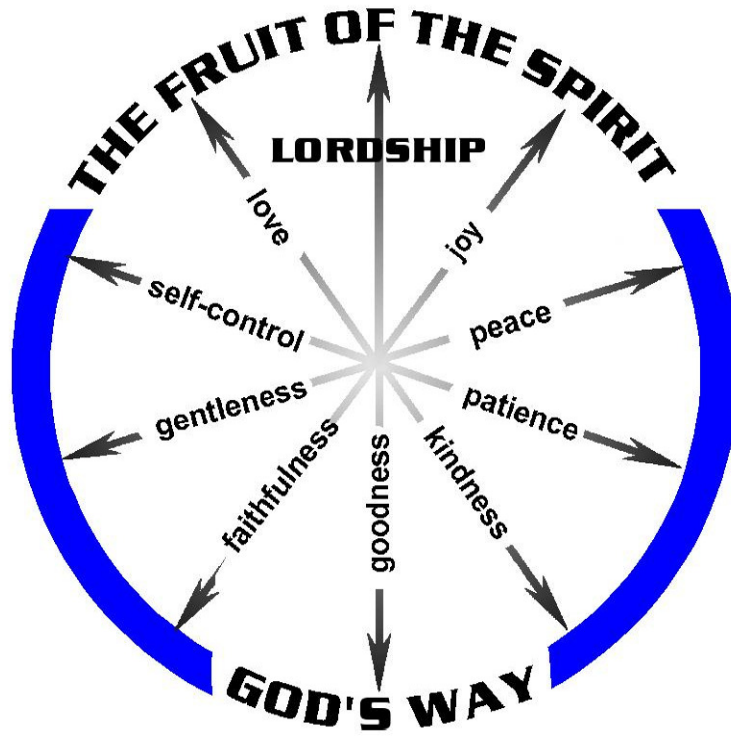
Gen. 2:17; 3:6



## NOTES

# GOD'S WAY

Gal. 5:22-23



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## **NOTES**

## REVIEW

- God is God and I am not.
- God is God and only He has the right to set standards, judge, and demand absolute obedience of people.
- There is something within me that desires to be like God.
- Godship is sin and leads to withdrawal from God and others and doubting instead of trusting.
- Only when God rules over our relationships with others will we experience relationships that bring glory to His kingdom.
- Good taken beyond God's boundaries leads to sin.



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