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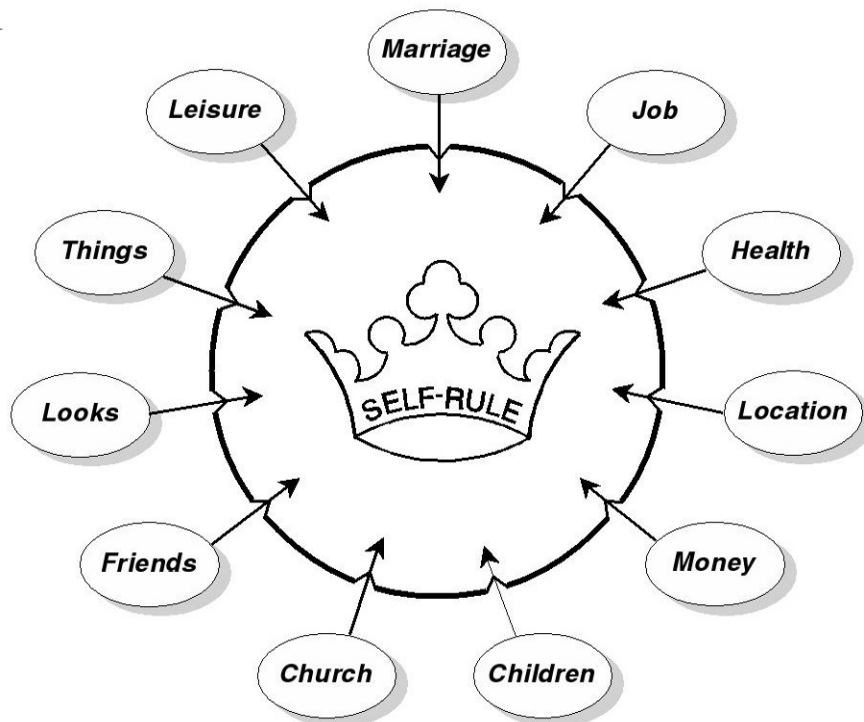
We look not at the things
which are seen, but at
the things which are not
seen . . .

2 Corinthians 4:18

How have you been pursuing happiness? Jesus said that life does not consist in the abundance of the things that man possesses (Luke 12:15). Rather, life is to be found INternally, not EXternally. Yet we are tremendously influenced by what the world tells us is important. Most Christians easily stand against the idea that fulfillment is found in drugs or alcohol or illicit sex—and yet, more often succumb to the seductive idea that education determines success or that financial security assures happiness or that psychological understanding provides satisfying answers to life's problems. This lesson will uncover the deceptions of the world. Where is *life*? Could Jesus say of us that we are unwilling to come to Him to have *life*? (John 5:40).

THE DECEPTION OF EXTERNAL FULFILLMENT

Eccl. 2:1-11

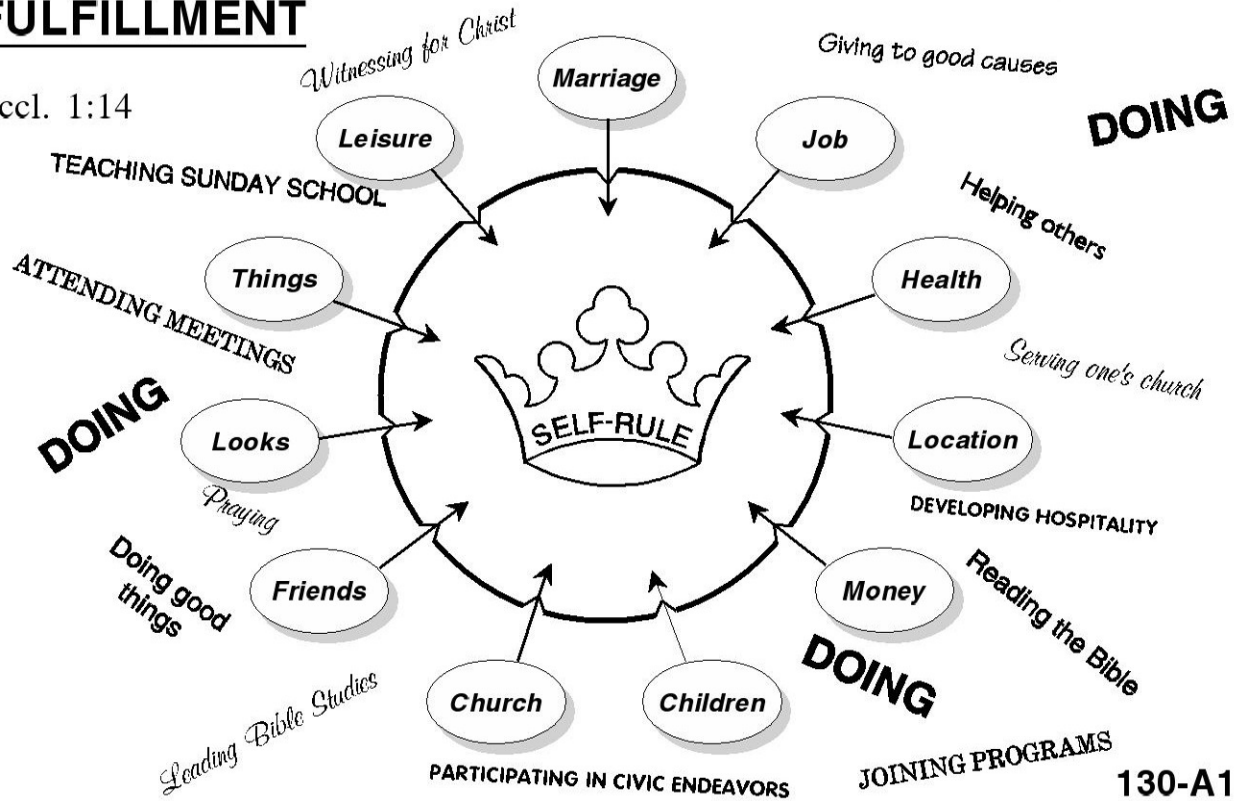


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THE CHRISTIAN'S DECEPTION OF EXTERNAL FULFILLMENT

Ecc. 1:14



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EVERYTHING BUT GOD

Jeremiah 2:13

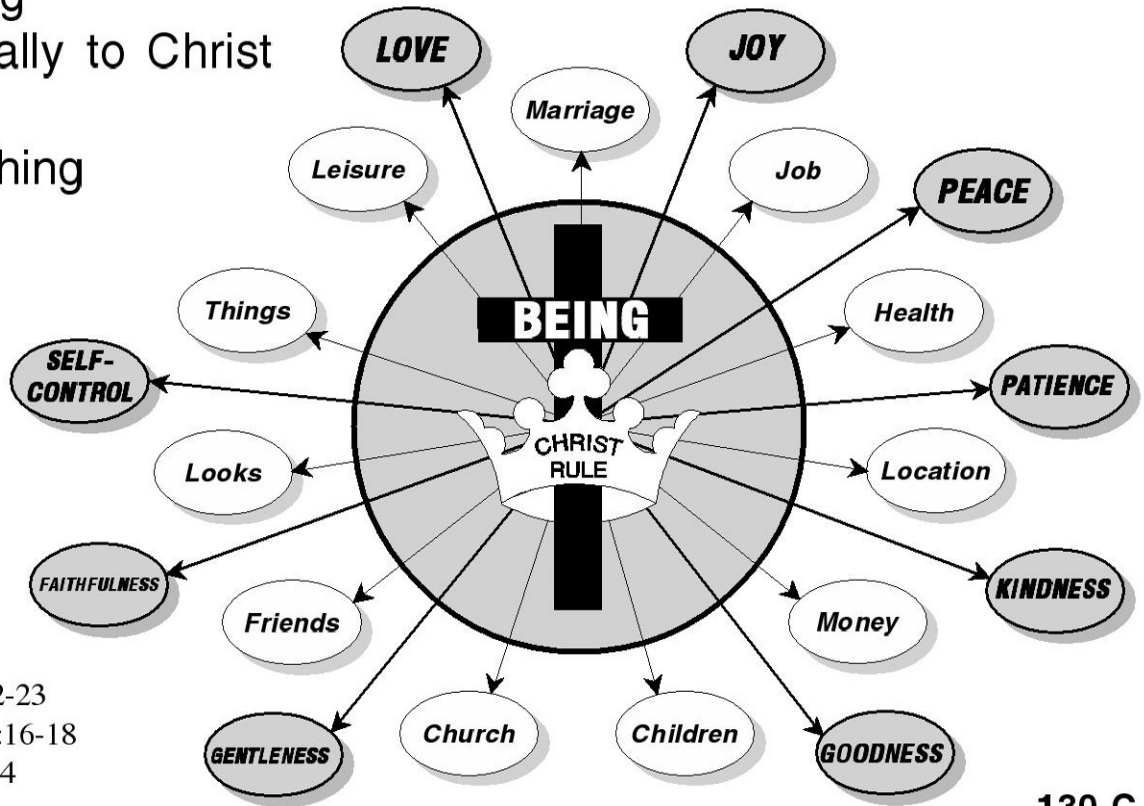
- ◆ Call a friend for advice.
- ◆ Eat food to fill the vacuum.
- ◆ Use uppers, downers, or alcohol to relieve anxiety or depression.
- ◆ Try to figure it out with your mind.
- ◆ Buy something to distract you from the pain.
- ◆ Get educated to solve problems.
- ◆ Get angry to get results.
- ◆ Work harder to overcome.
- ◆ Get overly busy to forget.
- ◆ Give money to soothe your conscience.
- ◆ Get divorced or get a new spouse.
- ◆ Spend time sleeping to escape overwhelming life situations.

Lastly, call on God!

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**Looking
Internally to Christ
For
Everything**



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REVIEW

- Happiness is not found in things or people.
- Fulfillment comes from God being my focus.
- Joy comes from **Looking Internally to Christ For Everything.**
- I must repent of all external idols such as relationships, possessions, accomplishments, job, and even Christian work.
- Real life comes from Jesus Christ.



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