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In this series, Mike tackles topics that are sensitive in nature and often have strongly differing opinions. Nevertheless, he presents a balanced view keeping in mind that the teaching goal in all BibleTalk material is to seek out what the Bible has to say on these and other subjects that we all are aware of and sometimes have to deal with personally.



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1. Mercy Killing or Selective Killing?

In this lesson, Mike examines the differences between natural death and mercy killing, and what the Bible teaches concerning the manner that one's life ends.

Intro – Assisted suicide is legal in Switzerland.

I. Euthanasia

Name changes are used to cover previously unacceptable behavior.

1. Natural Death _____

2. Euthanasia _____

II. History / Background

Greek philosophers _____

Japanese _____

Western nations _____

Believers _____

Suicide / Christianity _____

21st Century _____

III. Danger of Euthanasia

1. It reduces _____

2. Mercy killing _____

- Martin Niemöller _____

3. Euthanasia violates _____

A. Exodus 20:13; Romans 13:9 _____

B. Matthew 7:12 _____

- James 1:27 _____

- Leviticus 19:39 _____

- Isaiah 1:11 _____

- Romans 15:1 _____

- Galatians 6:10 _____

- Ephesians 6:2 _____

- Galatians 6:2 _____

- James 5:14 _____

Summary

I Thessalonians 4:13 _____

For the faithful God promises:

1. He will listen – I Peter 5:7 _____

2. He will help – I Corinthians 10:13 _____

3. He will never leave us – Hebrews 13:5 _____

Jesus could have chosen _____

2. Superstition, Astrology and the Occult

Mike delves into the world of the occult explaining various facets of the dark practices and what the Bible specifically teaches about them.

Intro – What’s your sign? _____

- Aquarius _____

- Occult _____

I. Religious Experience

A. Church Type _____

B. Sect Type _____

C. Cult Type _____

Features of “Cultic” religions:

1. Personality _____

2. Orthodoxy _____

3. Success _____

4. Mystic _____

5. Belief _____

6. Psychic _____

7. Magic _____

8. Religion and Philosophy _____

9. Individualistic _____

II. Occult Types and Practices

A. Astrology _____

B. Fortune-telling (Divination) _____

C. Satanism _____

1. Satan worship _____

2. Satan fetish _____

D. Witchcraft – Wicca (Wisdom) _____

E. Magic _____

F. Demon Possession _____

Can people be demon possessed today?

1. Satan is _____

- Zechariah 13:1-2 _____

- Luke 10:18; 11:21-23; John 12:31 _____

- Romans 8:38 _____

2. Demonic possession ceased _____

- Acts 5:16; 8:7; I Corinthians 12-14 _____

3. Satan now works _____

- I Corinthians 10:13; James 4:7 _____

4. Modern Demon possession _____

IV. A Christian's position toward the Occult

It is _____ . Deuteronomy 18:9-14; Galatians 5:20

1. Form of _____

2. Superstition is _____

- Genesis 1:1; II Peter 3:10 _____

3. It is _____

- Galatians 1:8-9 _____

Summary – Romans 16:25-27

1. The meaning is _____

2. The true _____

3. The person _____

4. True _____

5. The future _____

3. The 4 Phases of Addiction:

Dealing with Addiction - Part 1

In this first of three sessions, Mike describes the biology and behavior of the individual who is in the process of becoming addicted to drugs of various kinds.

Intro – Review the 3 Parts of the lesson. _____

I. Addiction

MRI Research _____

“Addiction is a brain disease” - Dr. Alan Leshner (Former) Director National Drug Institute

From a Biblical perspective _____

Cause _____ Effect _____

II. How we Become Addicted

Phase #1 - Learning the mood swing

A. We learn that certain chemicals product euphoria _____

B. We learn about quantity and quality _____

C. We learn a key lesson _____

* As long as you are going from _____ to _____, you're not learning _____.

Phase #2 - Seeking the mood swing

Phase 2 Progress:

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

* You're learning _____ works for _____.

Phase #3 - Chemical dependence

Phase 3 markers:

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____
- F. _____
- G. _____
- H. _____
- I. _____

* This is the phase where you ____ your _____, _____ and _____ because of your _____.

Phase #4 - Addicted

Phase #4 markers:

- A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
- _____
- _____

* Phase #4 perception of _____ is _____.

I _____

II. Activities and Personality Adaptions

Addicted people change their _____ and their _____.

Examples:

Paranoia _____ Depression _____

Narcissism _____ Intimacy _____

Manipulation _____ Risk taking _____

Authority _____ Morality _____

4. The Bible and Addiction: *Dealing with Addiction - Part 2*

This lesson traces the four steps that lead to addiction and the specific teachings in the Bible that condemn this state of being.

Intro - Review _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

A. _____

B. _____

I. Addiction

1. Types of Addictions

A. Substance _____

B. Psychological _____

2. Causes of Addictions

A. Substance _____

B. Psychological _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

3. Steps to Addiction

-
-
- A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____

The goals of addiction:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

II. The Bible and Addiction

The only drug that Bible mentions is alcohol because it's the _____

What the Bible says about addition.

1. Exodus 20:3 _____

- A. God is creator and worthy to be your leader. _____
- B. God wants your happiness. _____

C. God gives you life. _____

2. Romans 12:1-2 _____

3. I Corinthians 6:19-20 _____

Summary

What does the Bible say about drugs?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

5. The Sobering Truth about Alcohol: *Dealing with Addiction - Part 3*

Mike reviews the facts concerning the #1 addictive substance in the world and the deceptive arguments used to lure Christians into its use.

Intro – Alcohol is still the addiction of choice. _____

Marketers of alcohol are clever. For example:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Due to its negative effects, companies have created “caring” type ads. For example:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Statistics - Real life effects of alcohol addiction:

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Alcohol _____ | 6. Consumption linked to _____ |
| 2. 28% _____ | 7. 50% _____ |
| 3. 40% _____ | 8. \$175 billion _____ |
| 4. 12% _____ | 9. 1/3 _____ |
| 5. 30% _____ | 10. Alcohol is _____ |

Is Drinking a Sin?

Not a question asked by non-Christians.

- I Peter 1:13 _____
- I Peter 5:8 _____
- I Ephesians 5:18 _____

- Proverbs 20:1 _____

- Proverbs 23:29-35 _____

Sinful – Yes or No?

A. Yes – Reasons:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

B. No – Reasons:

1. _____
2. _____

C. Common responses to the defense of alcohol use.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

D. What did Jesus do?

John 2:1-11 _____

1. Jesus used wine _____

2. The wine Jesus used _____

3. The Jews would _____

Matthew 24:49 _____

4. No reason to think _____

E. What about Paul's instruction to Timothy? _____

- I Timothy 5:23 _____

- Proverbs 3:16 _____

How do we decide?

5 Best Reason to Drink Alcohol

1. Makes _____

2. Tastes _____

3. Most people _____

4. Alcohol is _____

5. Everybody _____

5 Best Reasons Not to Drink Alcohol

1. Alcohol is _____

2. Alcohol is _____

3. Alcohol does _____

4. The Bible _____

_____ - I Corinthians 6:10

5. Christians _____

I regret _____

If you drink _____

If you don't drink _____

-I Peter 4:7 _____

6. Pro-Life or Pro Death – Part 1

In this two-part lesson, Mike will describe the various methods used to abort babies, and compare the main arguments used by both Pro-Choice and Pro-Life groups to support their positions on this highly controversial issue. (N.B. No graphic pictures or photos of aborted children will be shown).

Intro – Roe v Wade Supreme Court ruling legalized abortion in the U.S.

This was a natural outcome of several social factors:

The next two lessons will try to explain the issues from a Christian perspective.

What is Abortion?

Comes from the Latin word “ABORTUS” which means

There is a difference between:

Miscarriage _____

Abortion _____

There are various methods used to carry out an abortion, usually based on the development of the baby:

1. Suction Method – 10 weeks

2. Dilation and Curettage – 12 weeks

3. Salt Poisoning – 20-24 weeks

4. Partial Birth – 24-32 weeks

5. R.U. 486 – Abortion Pill

Pro-Choice Arguments

Pro-choice is the banner used by those who promote abortion as a legitimate birth control method.

There are 5 major arguments used to defend abortion.

1. The fetus is not a human

Heart - 18th day _____

Eyes - 19th day _____

Pulse - 24th day _____

Brain - 33rd day _____

Brain waves - 43rd day _____

Response - 70th day _____

Complete form - 100 days _____

2. Choice

3. Well-being of Mother/Child

Summary

Next time we will complete the pro-choice arguments and examine the Bible for teaching on the subject. Pray for those who have been affected by abortion.

7. Pro-Life or Pro Death – Part 2

In this concluding lesson, Mike finishes examining the main arguments Pro-Choice groups use to defend abortion and brings forth key Scriptures that address this issue. (N.B. No graphic pictures or photos of abortion procedures will be used in this presentation).

Intro – There are a variety of methods used to perform abortions:

There are variety of arguments defending the practice which we discussed previously.

1. The fetus is not human _____
2. Abortion is a choice _____
3. Abortion protect the mother _____

Arguments for Abortion (continued)

4. Overpopulation

The overpopulation argument is overblown because western civilization is decreasing not increasing.

1900 – 30% of world’s population _____

1950 – 20 % of world’s population _____

2030 – 9% of world’s population _____

2100 – 4% of world’s population _____

5. Pro-Life does not care

Pro-Life Arguments

1. The unborn genuinely possess human life.

- Philippians 2:7 _____

- Luke 1:44 _____

- Psalm 139:13 _____

2. Unlawful killing is forbidden by God

- Exodus 20:13 _____

3. Happiness is not based on wealth

- Matthew 25 _____

Summary

Society has become very sophisticated when it comes to sin.

What can we, as Christian, do?

1. Teach our children about sex

2. Vote for Pro-Life Candidates

3. Have mercy on the mothers and the babies

How can you make a difference on this issue?

8. Pornography and Behavior

Pornography has gone mainstream and is easily available for free, at first, for the naïve. This lesson explores internet porn, the most prevalent form of this highly addictive substance and some ways to avoid or break this poisonous habit. (N.B. - No graphic images will be shown in this lesson).

Intro – These lessons will be divided into 4 parts:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

What is Pornography?

Porna _____
Graph _____

Examples:

Soft-core _____

Hard-core _____

* Definition: _____

Statistics – Internet Porn

2000

Porn sites _____

Users _____

Revenue _____

2020

Porn sites _____

Revenue _____

Arguments For Pornography

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Arguments Against Pornography

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Genesis 2:25 _____

Genesis 3:6-7 _____

Pornography is forbidden because it undermines our holiness.

Romans 12:1-2 _____

I Peter 1:14-16 _____

I Corinthians 13b _____

Matthew 5:27-28 _____

Proverbs 15:18-19 _____

Pornography hurts us spiritually.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

Breaking the Habit

1. Recognize _____ - John 1:9

2. Accept _____ - I John 1:9-10

3. Get _____ - I John 2:1

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

Psalm 19:14 _____

9. The Alphabet Gender Wars

Mike reviews the history and possible future of a society actively seeking the deconstruction of traditional gender norms.

Intro – Stats on this generation’s news intake. _____

History

How did we get here? _____

Terms

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | |

Dr. Rachel Lavine – DHS _____

Dr. Lavine promotes gender reidentification. _____

How did we get here?

Gay Rights organizations _____

Manifesto:

- 1. Repeal all laws _____
- 2. Repeal all laws _____
- 3. Repeal all laws _____
- 4. Repeal all legislation _____
- 5. Enact legislation _____
- 6. Encourage and support _____

GLAAD _____

ABC _____

Minority Rights _____

The Equality Act _____

Where do we go from here?

1. We are not _____ I John 15:19

- Romans 1:18-32 _____

2. Remember _____ Matthew 28:18-20

- II Peter 3:10 _____

- I Timothy 3:15 _____

- Acts 2:40 _____

3. Trust _____ John 16:33

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

When judgement comes _____

10. The Great Illusion: Gambling

In this session, Mike addresses the destructive nature of gambling focusing particularly on Internet gaming and many Scriptural references that speak directly to this addictive vice.

Intro – Lesson breakdown:

1. _____
2. _____

Internet Gambling

Stats _____

National Gambling Impact Study Commission: _____

Dr. Howard Shaffer _____

Is Gambling legal? _____

Internet Gambling Prohibition Acts (S.3322) _____

The government regulates gambling because _____

Help Site: ncpgambling.org 1-800-522-4700

Gambling is a business that advertises and recruits its customers like and other business.

General Background

Three No's in Internet Casinos

1. No _____ in Casino Gambling

Stats:

A. Lotteries _____

B. Casino and horse racing _____

C. Sometimes _____

D. Gambling is structured _____

2. No _____ in Casino Gambling

Stats:

A. First 17 states _____

B. Indictments _____

C. Gambling attracts _____

D. Crime _____

E. Legalized Gambling _____

F. The people most _____

- Proverbs 22:22 _____

3. No Such Thing as a _____

- Matthew 5:13-14 _____

God has not put the church here to:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

Simply put, gambling is _____

Summary

I am confident because:

1. The research _____

2. The Bible _____

3. My family _____

11. Genetic Engineering: Playing God – Part 1

In this first of a two-part lesson, Mike examines the first two practices in this scientific field, genetic modification and human engineering. He will also refer to Bible principles that should guide these practices.

Intro – Genetic Engineering

Last great age of Science was the _____.

Today the new breakthrough in the _____.

- I Timothy 3:15 _____

Genetic Engineering – Overview

Two types of research:

A. Genetic _____

B. _____ Engineering

Human Engineering and the Bible

Human Engineering can occur at any one of the 4 points:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

1. Human Engineering before Conception

A. Contraception _____

B. Sterilization _____

C. Genetic Screening _____

This is useful in several ways: _____

2. Human Engineering at conception

A. Artificial Insemination _____

AIH _____

AID } _____

AIDH } _____

B. In Vitro Fertilization _____

- Genesis 2:24 _____

Medical Ethics:

1. _____

2. _____

C. Gene Editing _____

CRISPR / Dr. Jennifer Doudna _____

DNA _____

Net Result:

1. _____

2. _____

There is the potential for much good but _____.

12. Genetic Engineering: Playing God – Part 2

In this second part on the subject of genetics, Mike explains the process of cloning and the moral issues stemming from this practice.

Intro – Review _____

Human Engineering – 4 Points in Cycle:

1. Before conception _____

2. At conception _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

3. Prenatal _____

4. Post-natal _____

Human Engineering – Cloning

Clone = KLON _____

In many life forms asexual reproduction (cloning) _____

Dr. Briggs and King _____

1979 _____

Dr. Ian Wilmut _____

1. The Cloning Procedure

Step #1 _____

Step #2 _____

Step #3 _____

Step #4 _____

2. The Good and Bad of Cloning

Can be used for both good and evil _____

Animals / Vegetation _____

Genesis 1:28 _____

Eugenics _____

Possibilities of Eugenics:

A. Cloning _____

B. Cloning _____

C. Cloning _____

D. Evolutionary nightmare _____

E. Cloning _____

What does the Bible say specifically? _____

Reasons Not to Pursue Cloning

1. Act of _____ Exodus 20:3

2. Act of _____ Genesis 1:28

3. Violates _____ Genesis 2:24

4. Leads to _____ Exodus 20:13

1. Pre-natal Manipulation

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

2. Post-natal Manipulation

- Sir Francis Crick _____

There are many reasons, but not the _____.

13. Prejudice and the Bible

In this last lesson, Mike demonstrates that if we followed what the Bible teaches there would be no prejudice of any kind.

Intro – The word prejudice means _____

Prejudice in the Bible

Exodus 19:5-6 _____

New Testament Prejudice

1. The command / teaching – Matthew 7:12

Even some churches taught that African Americans were inferior.

2. The example of Jesus – Luke 10:30-37

3. The goal for Christians – Galatians 3:26

Summary

Prejudice is judging without knowing or criticism and rejection based on culture.

The Bible teaches that prejudice is wrong:

A. God loves _____

B. All people are _____

C. A Christ's goal is _____

How do you overcome prejudice if this is your problem?

1. Recognize _____

2. Judge _____

3. Realize _____

The only prejudice - _____

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