

What Goes on Here?

The Values that Drive Our Culture

Romans 1:18-22

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools (Rom. 1:18-22)

Selfishness in its various forms has long been the sin behind all things counter to Jesus (cf. Lk. 9:23). By breaking out specific categories of selfishness, we are better able to see why our culture and all other cultures are dysfunctional. Mankind still is lured by the temptation to be like God (cf. Gen. 3:1-5).

Greed

- Luke 12:15
- Colossians 3:5

Lust

- Matthew 5:28
- Romans 13:14

Pride

- Proverbs 16:18
- II Corinthians 5:12

Power

- Deuteronomy 8:16-18
- Judges 7:2
- Zechariah 4:6
- Revelation 3:8

Self-righteousness

- Romans 2:17-22
- Romans 4:1-2