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WEEK FOUR: OUR GREATEST FEARS

RECAP...



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VS



MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!

- The enchanted world switched from God to money.
- Perhaps the gold rush is a condensed symbol of an idol that has been with America for a long time?



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- I think this is why the percent of candidates in the ministry is dwindling. Upper middle class children, in particular, are pushed into vocations where they make the most money.

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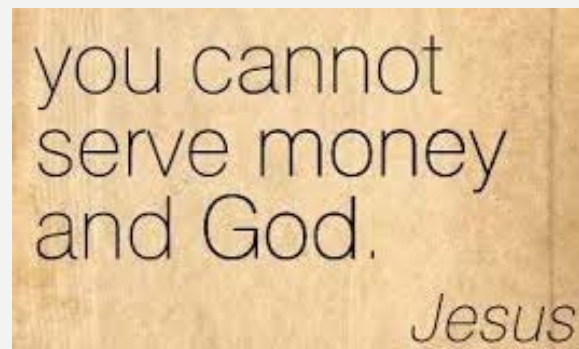


MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!

- How often do we hear people talk about self sacrifice any longer? Sacrifice to serve others? Sacrifice to stay at home and raise children? Not that often, I think.

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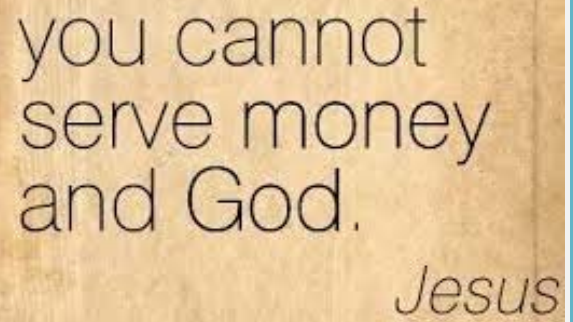
- I would first ask others. Does money *really* make people happy? Christ is where true joy and happiness are found.



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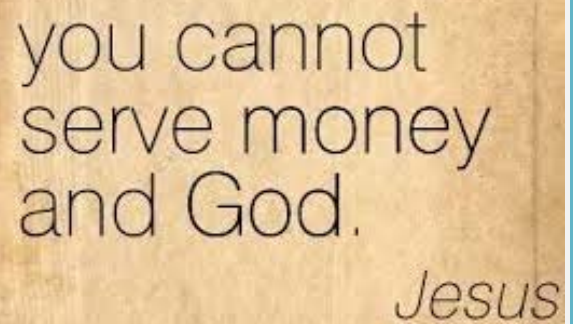
- Trade offs.
Is it really worth being a slave to making all the money in the world? I don't think so! We should be slaves of Christ.



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- Work is not salvific.
I think people intuitively know this is true.



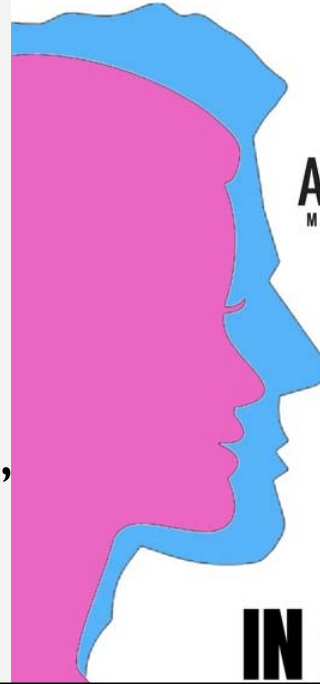
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THE GREAT AWOKENING

- *Vox, The Atlantic, and Vanity Fair* have all run stories on what they label:
“The Great Awakening.”



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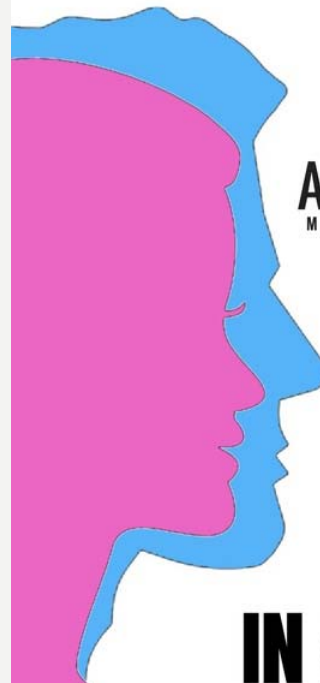
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IDEAS IN ACTION

THE GREAT AWOKENING

- I would label this a false gospel and we need to learn how to deconstruct “The Great Awakening.”



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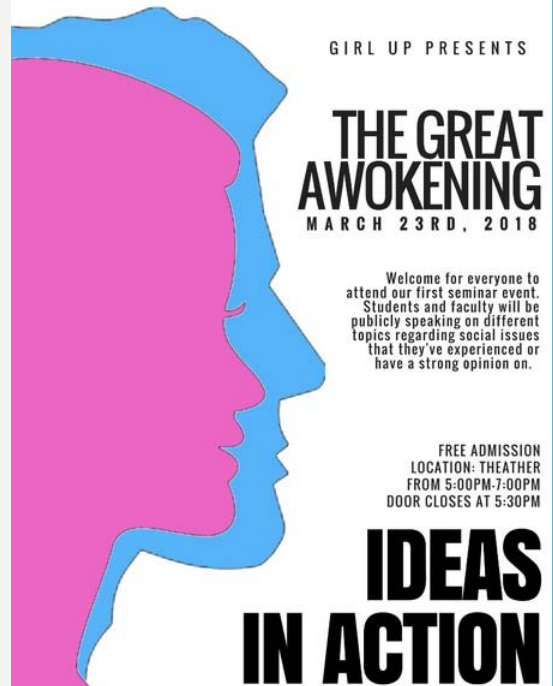
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IDEAS IN ACTION



THE GREAT AWOKENING AND LITURGY

- Parades
- Pride Month

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THE GREAT AWOKENING AND LITURGY



- In many ways, this movement has eclipsed Black History month.
- Has its own flags.

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL OF "THE GREAT AWOKENING"

- Perhaps the puritanical "Great Awakening" points towards our deep longing for justice in our own hearts?



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RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL OF "THE GREAT AWOKENING".

- Is secularism a real thing? It appears people are more religious than they realize!



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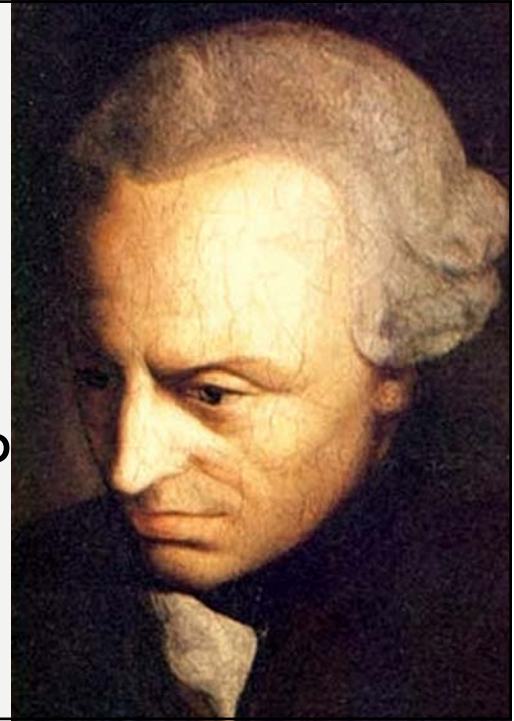
- Read Chris Arnade's work. He says one of the number one things holding people together in "back row" America is churches.



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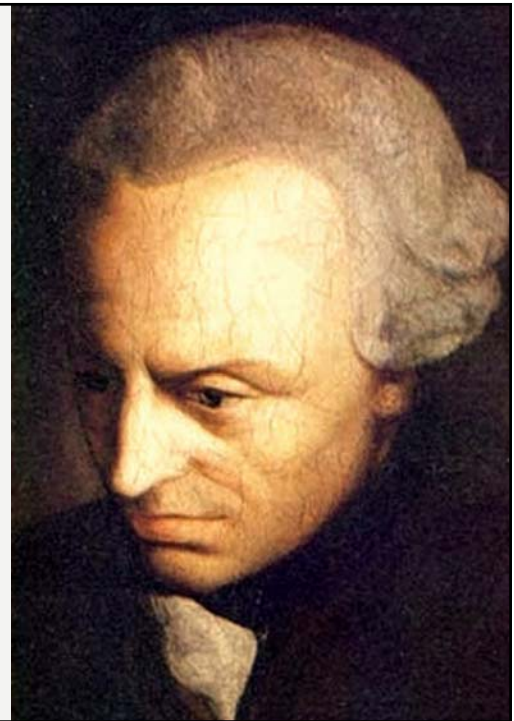
COUNTRY

- On the conservative spectrum, one of the common idols is worship of country.



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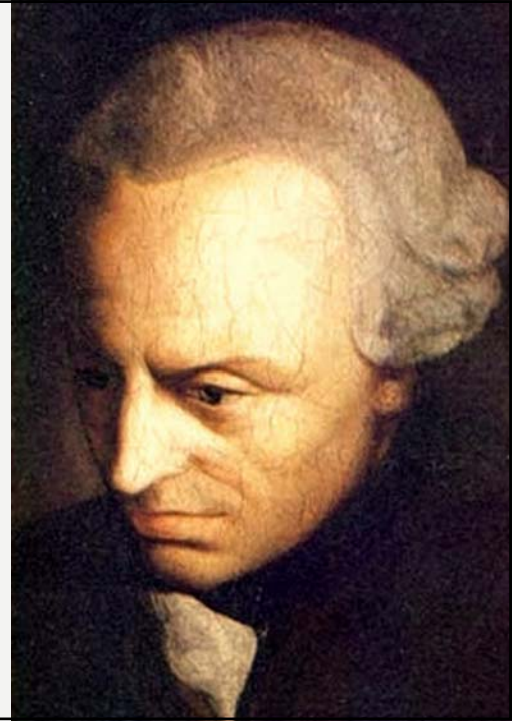
- Dennis Prager for example said, “God wants us to be good,” and, “I believe we are born good people.” These thoughts are not from the Bible, they are from the Enlightenment (Kant).



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COUNTRY

- “God and country,” in many ways, becomes a “creole language.”



RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL OF COUNTRY

- Liberal democracy is not the kingdom.
- America is not the “chosen land” or the “new Israel.”

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RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL OF COUNTRY

- The gospel of Jesus Christ is transnational. Jesus has dominion over the entire world, not just America (Psalm 2).



FAMILY FIRST

- I often hear dads say: "I did this for my family." In reality, they did it for themselves.

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FAMILY FIRST

- Example: Making the most money they can and having their children participating in travel sports are just as much about the parents as the children.



FAMILY FIRST

- How do we challenge the false idol of “family first” found in American suburbia?
- Walter White from the show “Breaking Bad” personifies this idol in America.

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RESPONSE TO "FAMILY FIRST"

- Jesus teaches His followers that the Kingdom of God transcends the natural family. An emphasis on the spiritual family usurps the natural family.



RESPONSE TO "FAMILY FIRST"

- Jesus says, "let the dead bury their own dead" (Matthew 8:21-23). And, Jesus redefines the family as primarily spiritual (Matthew 12:46-50).



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RESPONSE TO "FAMILY FIRST"

- These are pretty strong statements against "family first."



WEEK FOUR: RPC AND "BIGGEST FEARS"

- Tim Keller believes that there are two questions that are holding people back from sharing their faith with others.



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- What are your biggest fears of being asked when sharing the gospel?



WEEK FOUR: RPC AND "BIGGEST FEARS"

- I have found that being asked about RPC's views on sexual ethics would be high on the list.





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FEAR NO.1

- Being asked about our stance on sexual ethics. What are the best ways to respond to this fear?

PASTOR DOUG'S RESPONSES

- Chastity is promoted in the NT. Jesus, Paul, and many other others as examples.
- Image of God is reflected in man and women together (Gen 1 and 2).



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PASTOR DOUG'S RESPONSES

- Perhaps Protestants can learn from their Roman Catholic brothers and sisters that one of marriage's primary purposes is to have children. *Not self fulfillment.*

FEAR NO.2

- Why are American Christians so obsessed with political power?



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PASTOR DOUG'S RESPONSES

- **BOG 3-1.** The authority given to the Church by Christ is moral and spiritual only. Not governmental.
- **Non-Essentials: Liberty.** Therefore, Christians could disagree on economic policy.

PASTOR DOUG'S RESPONSES

- **In all things: Charity.**
- **The church is its own society.** It should rub shoulders with both Democrats and Republicans in its American context.