

Significant Cultural Issues Contradicting the Bible

- In no particular order / Not an exhaustive list

TRANSGENDER IDEOLOGY

Culture says: Gender is fluid, self-defined, and separate from biological sex.

Bible says: God created humanity male and female, in His image (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4). Our identity is rooted in God's design, not self-definition.

Wisdom contrast: Godly wisdom embraces creation order; worldly wisdom insists on self-made identity.

HOMOSEXUALITY

Culture says: Same-sex relationships are morally acceptable, even celebrated.

Bible says: God designed marriage as between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6). Homosexual practice is consistently described as sin (Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

Wisdom contrast: Godly wisdom upholds His design for sexuality; worldly wisdom redefines love apart from God's boundaries.

ABORTION

Culture says: A woman has the right to choose whether to carry a pregnancy; life in the womb is not fully human until birth (or viability).

Bible says: Life is sacred from conception (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5). God is the Author of life, and shedding innocent blood is condemned (Exodus 20:13).

Wisdom contrast: Godly wisdom values and protects life; worldly wisdom treats life as disposable.

SUPPRESSION OF FREE SPEECH & FAITH

Culture says: Free expression of biblical beliefs is often labeled as "hate speech." Dialogue is censored or shut down when it contradicts prevailing ideologies.

Bible says: Christians are called to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15), to contend for the faith (Jude 1:3), and to proclaim the gospel without fear (Acts 4:18-20).

Wisdom contrast: Godly wisdom cherishes truth and dialogue; worldly wisdom silences dissent and fears disagreement.

SEXUAL IMMORALITY & PORNOGRAPHY

Culture says: Sexual expression is a right, and consent is the only limit.

Bible says: God calls us to holiness and purity (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; Hebrews 13:4). Sexual sin is destructive to body and soul (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).

Wisdom contrast: Godly wisdom sees sex as sacred; worldly wisdom sees it as recreational.

MATERIALISM & GREED

Culture says: Success is defined by wealth, possessions, and achievement.

Bible says: Life does not consist in the abundance of possessions (Luke 12:15). Seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).

Wisdom contrast: Godly wisdom treasures eternity; worldly wisdom hoards for today.

RELATIVISM & SELF-DEFINED TRUTH

Culture says: "You do you. Live your truth."

Bible says: God's Word is truth (John 17:17). Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

Wisdom contrast: Godly wisdom is anchored in absolute truth; worldly wisdom drifts with opinion and feeling.

Application for Sermon/Teaching

Each of these issues highlights the battle between virtue and folly. Christians aren't called to respond with hatred or fear, but with courageous clarity and gentle truth (James 3:17).

- Godly wisdom equips us to discern these issues.
- Godly wisdom transforms our daily living so we don't conform.
- Godly wisdom creates a new culture that lives differently, shining as light in darkness (Philippians 2:15).

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