



Is Culture Neutral?
Selected Scripture

1. Satan has unique freedom to exert his _____ on us.

2. Satan has both _____ and _____ to deceive our world.

3. We overcome the cultural corruption as we _____, _____, and _____.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. How would you describe our culture? Try to think about what we all tend to do, say, think, value, and how we relate. Can you identify aspects of our culture that are not good and maybe even satanically inspired?
2. Satan is a powerful deceiver and has strategies to trip us up. See Ephesians 2:1-2 and 2 Corinthians 2:10-12. How aware are we of his strategies today? Try to name as many as you can, and share the ones that you feel are the most dangerous for yourself.
3. Examine 1 John 5:19-20. How are we supposed to treat people who are caught up in Satan's lies? How does Satan win when we attack or distance ourselves from people who are promoting these lies? See Ephesians 6:11-13 and Matthew 5:45-47.
4. If immersion in a corrupting culture leads us away from the truth, what are we supposed to do to stay grounded in the truth? See Hebrews 10:23-25. Could it be that the culture of busyness that seems so normal to us is actually one of Satan's strategies to weaken us by keeping us apart from other believers? Please discuss.

MEMORY VERSE

"We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true – even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life."

1 John 5:19-20