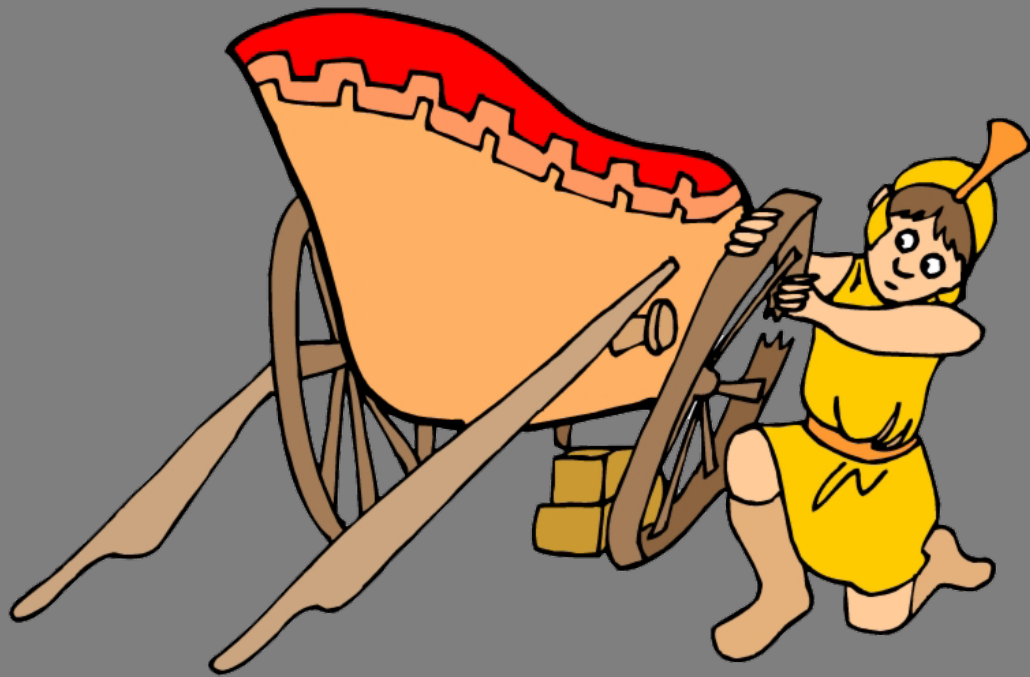


1st Century Problems *in the* 21st Century





Covetousness

- **An Old, Old Problem**

- *The Prohibition Within the Law*

Exodus 20:17; Joshua 7:20, 21; 1st Kings 21; Micah 2:2

- *In the First Century*

Matthew 26:14-16; John 12:1-6; 1st Corinthians 6:9-11



Covetousness

- **God's Solution — Then and Now**

- *Be Content*

Ephesians 3:5; Hebrews 13:5; Ecclesiastes 5:10

- *Trust in God's Provision*

Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 6:25-33



Gnosticism

- **Superior Knowledge = Salvation**

- *A First-Century Problem*

1st Corinthians 8:1, 2; Col. 2:1-10, 20-23

- *Buddhism and Ancient Paganism*



Gnosticism

- **God's Solution — Then and Now**

- *Humility*

Proverbs 3:7; Romans 12:16; 1st Corinthians 3:18, 19

- *Accepting the Simplicity of the Gospel*

1st Corinthians 15:3-8



Tradition Over Scripture

- **The Greatest Hindrance to Obedience**

— *Among the First-Century Jews*

Mark 7:6-9

— *In Modern Denominations*



Tradition Over Scripture

- **God's Solution — Then and Now**
— *A Greater Love For Truth*

Galatians 1:14; Matthew 10:37

- *Seeking God's Praise, Rather Than Man's*

John 12:42, 43



Tolerance of Sin

- Preferred Over Righteousness/Holiness
 - *A First-Century Problem*

1st Corinthians 5:1, 2
 - *Within Churches Today*



Tolerance of Sin

- **God's Solution — Then and Now**

- *Discipline and Restoration*

1st Corinthians 5:4-5, 11; 2nd Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15;

2nd Corinthians 2:6-9; Galatians 6:1

- *Keeping Self Unspotted from the World*

James 1:27; 1st Peter 1:15, 16

