

Defined by God

God has revealed what the ONLY source of truth is - John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am THE way and THE truth and THE life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

"Definition distortion" started in the beginning by allowing God's answer to be questioned and distorted - Gen 3:1-6 - Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" 4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 **When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.**

Action	Worldly	Godly
Wisdom	It is from experience and human assessment. Totally driven by sight.	Is directly, and <u>only from revering God</u> . <u>Does not work well with worldly wisdom.</u> (Ps 111:10, 1 Cor 3:18-20)
Complacency	When we do not strive to be all we can be and more in the world. Not excelling to always move up. Not Striving to do more to enhance self. Not keeping busy no matter what.	Not growing in the Lord, not living in His ways & His Will. Reliant on man and on self. <u>Always striving for more on earth as primary.</u> Not Lessening self to enhance God. Not looking out for others. (Jer 17:5, 2 Cor 12:9-10, Phil 4:11-13, Heb 5:11-14, Phil 2:3-4)
Trust	Trust those I love. Marriage must have trust in each other. Trust your children. Have people in your life you can trust. Most of all just yourself.	<u>Trust God Only.</u> Never trust ANYONE including yourself. Our relationship with others and self is <u>through our trust in God.</u> Trust will be doing what He says, NO MATTER WHAT. My trust in God will be my piece of mind (Jer 17:5, Prov 28:26, John 14:1-2, Prov 3:5-8)
Hope	A focus on something we desire. Feelings are dependent on getting what we wish for.	I only have <u>ONE Hope</u> , that is in <u>Christ's return</u> . Hope is built in us from God through trials (Eph 4:4-6, Rom 5:3-5)
Compassion	We react to people based on how we are emotionally moved by them. No matter what a person is going through, we accept their struggle for what it is and/or how we see it. Completely based on us.	We must have <u>GODLY mercy</u> with everyone. We must effectively communicate. We are responsible for other Christians' burdens, but we must <u>never enable. Sin is never acceptable.</u> We must help others in their needs. It will be displayed in action (James 1:19-20, James 2:13, James 2:15-17, Gal 6:2, Gal 6:5)
Peace	We surround ourselves with the right people. We strive for the most desirable situation in order for us to have peace.	We receive <u>peace from Christ</u> , and <u>it is in spite of people and situations.</u> It makes no sense how it comforts us in tough situations. We have access to <u>perfect peace</u> by completely focusing on God ALL THE TIME. (John 14:26-27, Phil 4:6-7, Isa 26:3)
Strength	We continually exercise our bodies and minds to become stronger. The more I invest in me, the stronger I become.	<u>We access true strength by weakening self.</u> We recognize the value in fleshly exercise is less than Spiritual exercise. <u>What God sees as strength is not what the world sees as strength.</u> (2 Cor 12:7-10, 1 Tim 4:7-8, 1 Cor 1:26-31)
Sincerity	It is based on how I truly feel. I only do it when I am good with it. If I'm not feeling it, then it is not sincere.	Our sincerity is TOTALLY based on God, <u>never</u> on us. We gain it by living in obedience to the Word. Everything we do is because of God ONLY. (2 Cor 1:12, 1 Peter 1:22-24)
Importance/ valued	We place value on things that <u>mean the most to us</u> . My values are what I live for and what I treasure. Things that I value are what defines me.	I <u>value Godly things ONLY.</u> I consciously do not value anything that is not heavenly. I will consciously devalue anything in my life in order that my sole value is in Christ.; (Matt 6:19-21, Phil 3:7-11)
Wealth	The more money, power & access, provides more opportunity and admiration from others. We strive to get more wealth to be in the best position, even when it comes to serving God.	We recognize that any wealth here on earth is "worldly wealth" and how we deal with it will dictate how much <u>TRUE WEALTH</u> we will receive. Christians understand that those with less are actually in a higher position than those with more. (Luke 16:10-12, James 1:9-11)

Life	Life is what you make of it. Everyone should live to have the best life possible. Live life to the fullest to get all you can before you die. Enjoyment, happiness, achieving goals, & desired relationships are evidence of a successful life.	This temporary existence we have now is <u>NOT</u> the life we are <u>to strive for</u> . We are to use everything we get to help others and most importantly to Glorify God in order to strive for True Life. We must understand, some will be presented with desirable life circumstances and situations while others will be presented undesirable life circumstances and situations. Both have the same life goal, to obey and totally represent God. (1 Tim 6:17-19, 1 Cor 7:17-24, 1 Cor 10:31, Eccl 12:13)
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Completely trusting in God, and NEVER in self, will keep us from following ungodly definitions - Prov 3:5-7 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.

Corrupt definitions exist in our lives simply because we allow it - 2 Cor 11:3-4 - 3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 4 For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, YOU PUT UP WITH IT EASILY ENOUGH.

We are to check EVERYTHING! - 1 Thess 5:21-22 - 21 TEST EVERYTHING. Hold on to the good. 22 Avoid every kind of evil.