**God’s Opinion of Society’s Values**

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| **Things Society Emphasizes That God Does Not Care About:** | **Can Come From or Lead To Things God is Actively Against:** | **Your Ideas: How Do These Correlate?** |
| **Brains:**  Intelligence/high I.Q.  Grades  Getting into “best” schools/winning scholarships, etc. |  |  |
| **Body:**  Beauty  Physical grace  Athleticism  Strength/speed/agility/stamina  Youth  Style |  |  |
| **Power/Self-determination:**  Being first  Being in charge/on top  “Living my best life”  Economic status  Independence  “You do you” |  |  |

**On the next page, notice some of the things God does not esteem. Use the ideas and others from scripture to fill in the chart.**

**Searching the Scriptures – Things God Hates/Is Actively Against**

**Pride** I Tim. 3:2 “For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy…”

**Seeking pleasure** I Tim. 3:4 “…headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God…”

**Self-seeking** James 3:16 “For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

**“Finding” one’s life (as opposed to losing it)** Mt. 10:39

**Deceit/lying, people who like to plan and do bad things, and people who cause trouble between others** Prov. 6:16-19 “There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.”

**Greed** I Tim. 6:9-10 “But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.”

**Idolatry** (putting *any*thing or anyone above God) Matt. 10:37-38 “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.”

I Cor. 10:6-7 “Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.’”

**Divorce** Malachi 2:16 “’For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce, for it covers one’s garment with violence,’ says the Lord of hosts.”

**Hypocrisy** There are *so many* denunciations of this trait, straight from Jesus’s mouth, but here is one: Matt. 23:27 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness.”

**Boasting** (of one’s own accomplishments or future plans) James 4:13-17 “Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.”

And another: Prov. 27:1-2 “Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth. Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.”