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VICES AND VIRTUES

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BIG IDEA: God's love completely transforms us,
from our beliefs to our behaviors

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²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!—²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to **put off your old self**, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to **be renewed in the spirit of your minds**, ²⁴ and to **put on the new self**, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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Psalm 4:4-8

⁴ **Be angry, and do not sin**; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah

⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and **put your trust in the LORD**.

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Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”

⁷ You have put **more joy** in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

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for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety

“Top 5 Christian Stereotypes”*

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- 5) You Love Labels
- 4) Your Online Faith Doesn't Reflect Reality
- 3) Your Theology Is Borrowed
- 2) You Practice Christianity Through Groups And Institutions
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“This is utterly revolutionary. Do you see what it does? It takes the whole of your life, including your secular job, and turns it into a work of grace. Paul wants you to think of your secular job as means to display God's grace. No more stealing in the service of illegal greed. No more working in the service of legal greed. But now everything is in the service of grace not greed. *Don't steal to have. Don't work to have. But work to have in order to give.*”

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