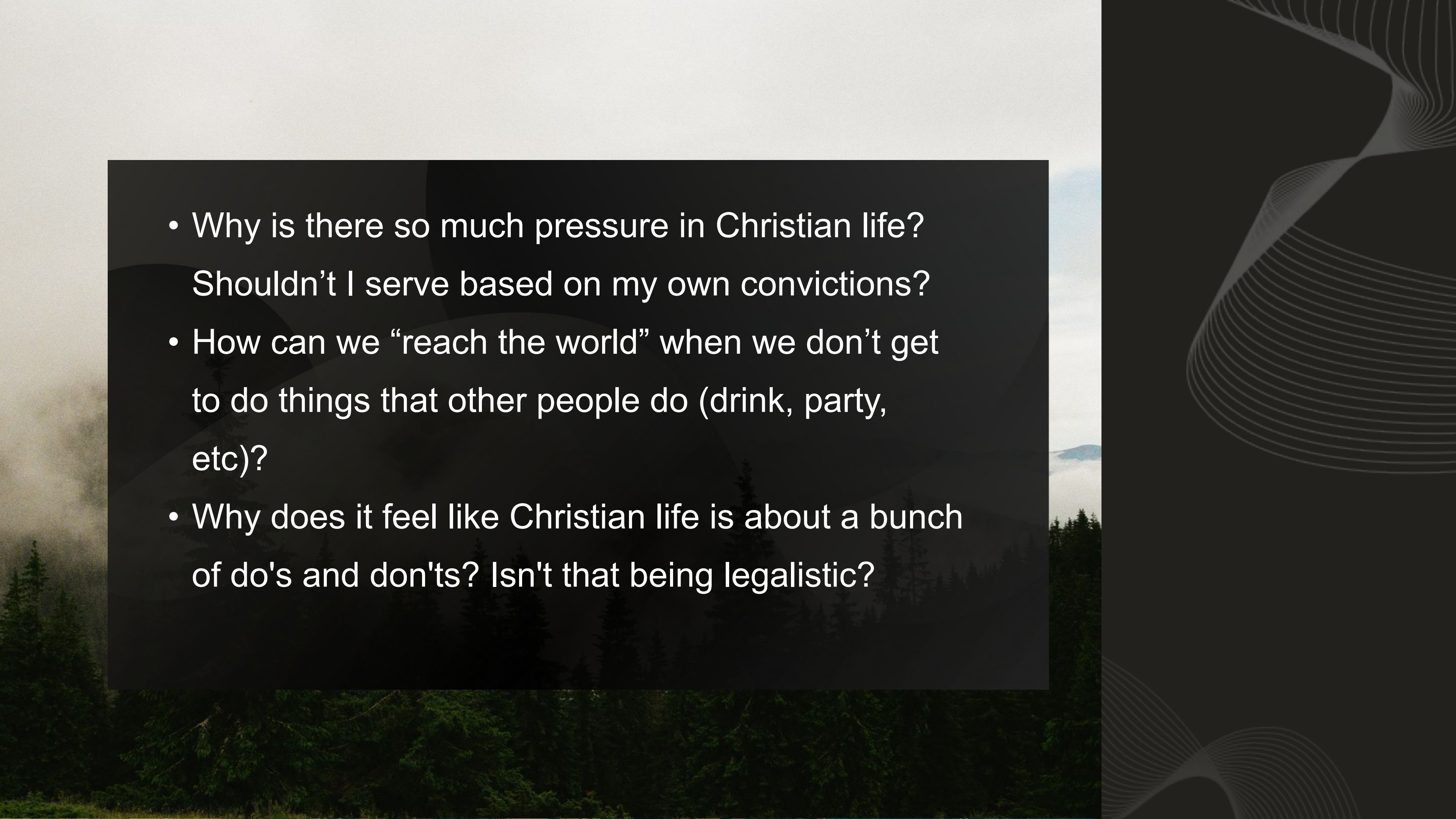


USING THE BIBLE TO ANSWER FAQs

ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIVING, CHURCH LIFE, AND
MORE



What's the toughest question that you've
been asked about Christian life?

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- Why is there so much pressure in Christian life?
Shouldn't I serve based on my own convictions?
 - How can we “reach the world” when we don't get to do things that other people do (drink, party, etc)?
 - Why does it feel like Christian life is about a bunch of do's and don'ts? Isn't that being legalistic?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth

Accountability &

Pressure

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Accountability & Pressure

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ABC's

A - ACKNOWLEDGE

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Accountability & Pressure

Why is there so much pressure in Christian life?

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acknowledge

Gerente General



- Pressure in Christian life is real
 - intentional or not
- Guilt is a real feeling
- It **WOULD** be nice to serve based on our convictions

Gerente General

acknowledge

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to**
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Matthew 28:20 (NIV)

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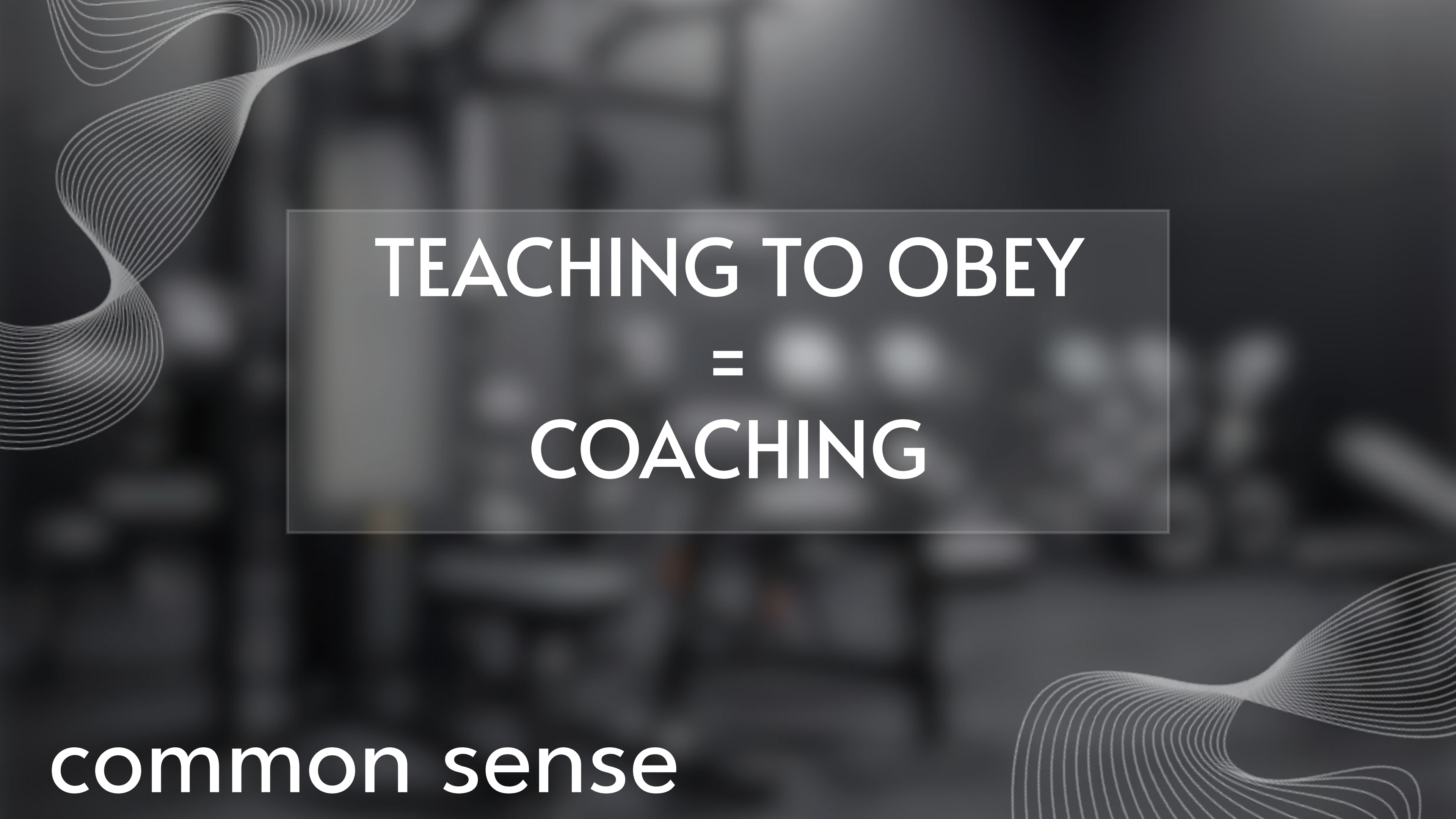
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INFORMATION TRANSFER

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TEACHING TO OBEY
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COACHING

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Hebrews 3:12-13

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INTERNAL PRESSURE

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INTERNAL PRESSURE IS A SIGN
THAT THE SPIRIT'S WORKING

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LIFE BRINGS ACCOUNTABILITY AND PRESSURE

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WHAT IS THIS PRESSURE
COMPELLING ME TO DO?

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RECAP – ACCOUNTABILITY & PRESSURE

A

- Pressure is a reality in Christian life, intentional or not
- Feeling guilty is a real possibility
- We really SHOULD serve based on our convictions

B

- Matt 28 – Teaching to obey is more than info transfer
- Heb 3 – Taking care and exhorting means accountability
- Gal 5 – Flesh and spirit in opposition creates internal pressure

C

- Pressure and accountability is like coaching and we willingly subject ourselves to it for growth in other areas of life like music
- Life is going to bring pressure, but what does it compel us to do?

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Role of Work in Christian Life

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Role of Work

2 Cor 5:18-20

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1 Peter 2:9-10

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Acts 20:34-35

34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Eph 4:28

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Gerente General



- We should work hard at our jobs and perform well
- Leveraging your position for God would be awesome
- Jobs are a blessing

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JESUS

OUR MAIN CALLING IS TO
GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

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DOES MAKING TENTS AND
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EQUALLY GLORIFY GOD?

common sense



WHILE ALL PEOPLE ARE EQUAL,
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PURPOSE OF WORK

1. PLACE FOR MINISTRY

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3. SHARE WITH OTHERS

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RECAP – ROLE OF WORK IN CHRISTIAN LIFE

A

- You should do well at your job and be a good witness
- If you have a platform, leverage it for God
- Job is a blessing from God

B

- 2 Cor 5, 1 Peter 1 – Our identity is that of ambassador and priest
- Matt 28 – Our main calling is to GO and MAKE DISCIPLES
- Acts 20, Eph 4 – Our jobs are to provide for ourselves and others

C

- Does making tents and preaching the gospel equally glorify God?
- All people have equal value, but not their work
- To fail to obey the Great Commission is to fail to obey God

Media

What's wrong with watching some media?

Shouldn't we know what's going on in culture to be more relevant? Sure, a lot of today's entertainment contains sexual immorality, but this is life. Isn't it just art?

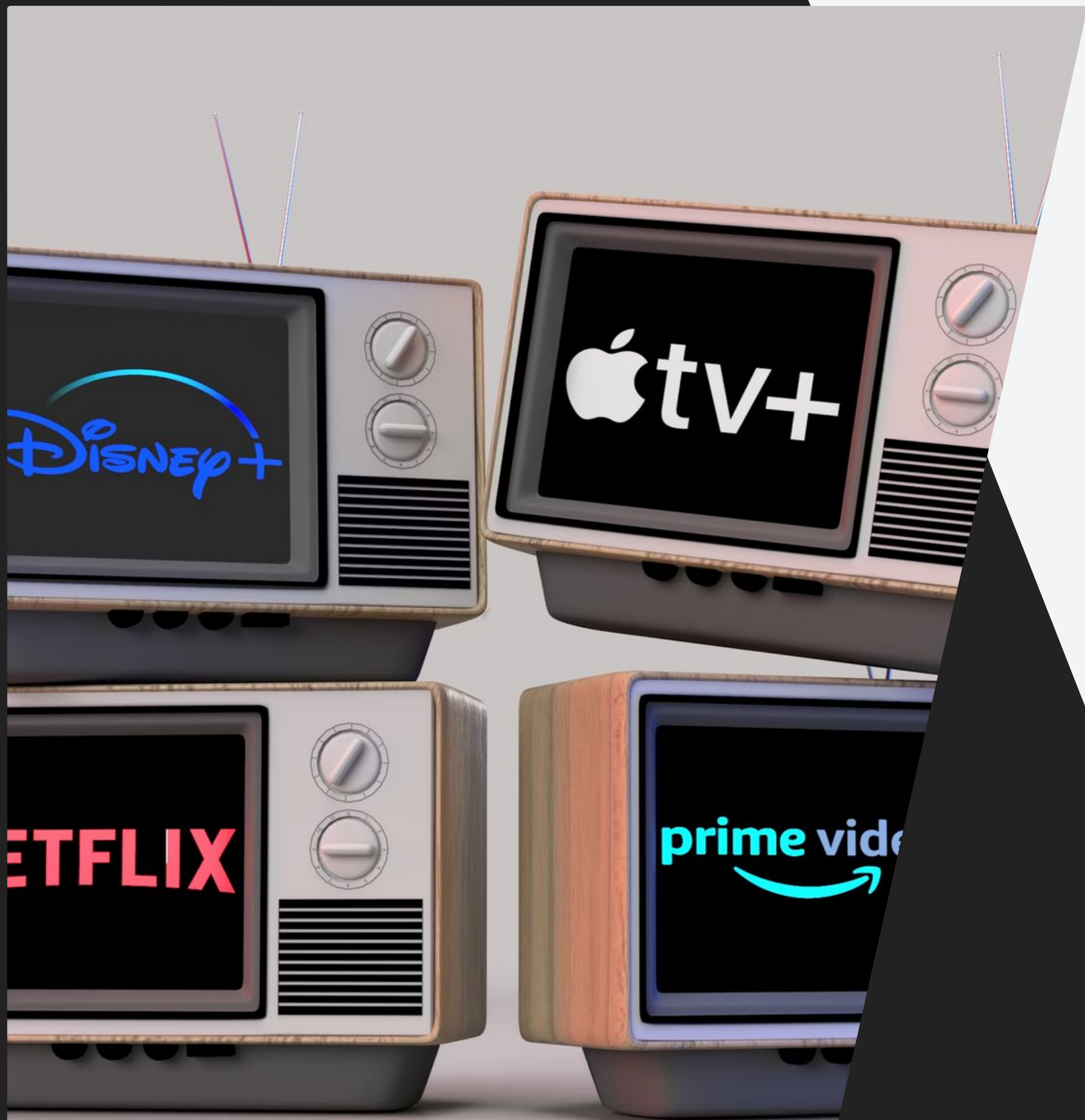
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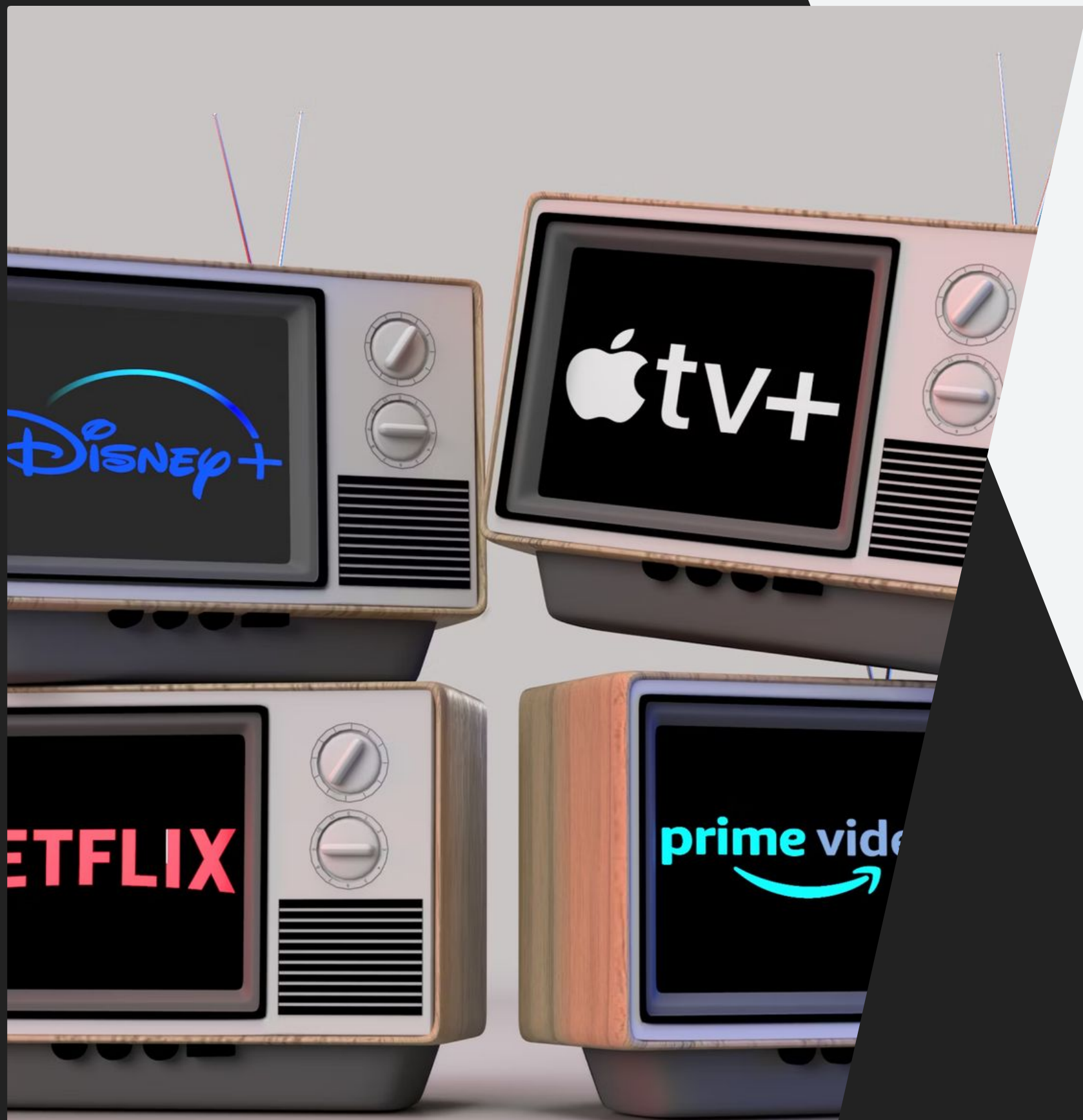
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Gerente General



- Watching media isn't sin
- It IS easier to have casual convos if you're up to date
- Mainstream media is heavily sexualized and is hard to avoid

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1 Corinthians 10:23

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IS IT HELPFUL?
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WHAT YOU PUT IN COMES
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TAKE DRASTIC ACTION

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**DESIRES OF THE EYES
DRAWS US FROM GOD**

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OUR LOVES ARE BOUND UP
IN WHAT WE SEE

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RECAP – MEDIA

A

- It's not wrong to watch media. It's not sin
- It would be easier to have casual convos when your up-to-date
- Mainstream media has been largely sexualized

B

- 1 Cor 10 – Is what we're viewing helpful? Does it built up?
- Matt 18 – Take drastic action on things that could cause us to sin
- 1 John 2 – Desires of the eyes draw us away from God

C

- Our minds are filled with what we see – even Tetris
- Story: because these girls didn't watch the ads, their hearts weren't bound up with this doll

Tips

- ABC's
- Cheat Sheet
- Practice



2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy **arguments** and every lofty **opinion** raised against the knowledge of God, and take every **thought** captive to obey Christ,

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