



CHALLENGES FACING TODAY'S YOUTHS: FITTING IN


- The Push for Conformity
 - The Desire to Not Be Different
 - Some seek to be seen 1st among your peers
 - Some seek to simply blend in
 - Some seek relief from bullying
 - Solomon was no stranger to this issue
 - **Ecc. 1:3-11**
 - Popularity/fame is fleeting
 - Generations come and go



○ The Push for Conformity

- Being a pleaser of men is a pathway to destruction
 - Gal. 1:10
 - Rom. 12:1-3
 - It is impossible to please both man and God

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○ The Sins of Conformity

- Immodesty
 - II Tim. 2:9-10
 - Modesty - *well arranged, seemly*
 - Shamefacedness - *a sense of shame or honor, modesty, bashfulness, reverence, regard for others, respect*
 - Sobriety - *soundness of mind, self control*

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■ Immodesty

- How can I know if I am wearing enough?
 - We must cover our nakedness before we go out (Nah. 3:5; Gen. 3)
 - Cover your thighs (Ex. 28:42; Isa. 47:2-3)
 - Take the mirror test

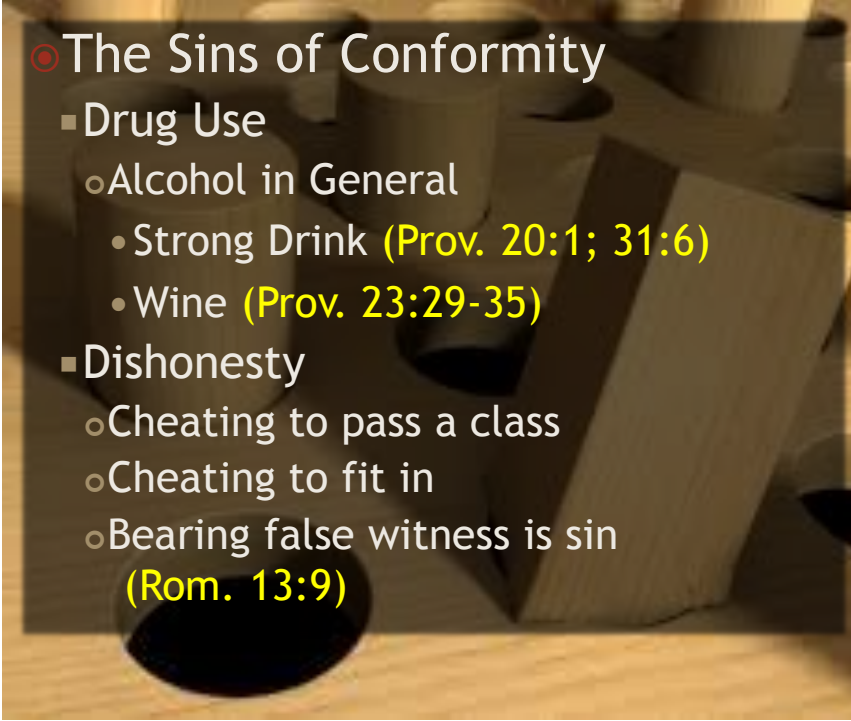
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■ Drug Use

- All mind altering drugs should be lumped together (Alcohol and Recreational)
- Drunkenness (I Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:18-21, 23)
- Social Drinking (I Pet. 4:3)
 - Excess of wine - *to bubble over with wine*
 - Revellings - *drinking parties that go on to late at night*
 - Banquetings - *carousing, wine feasts*

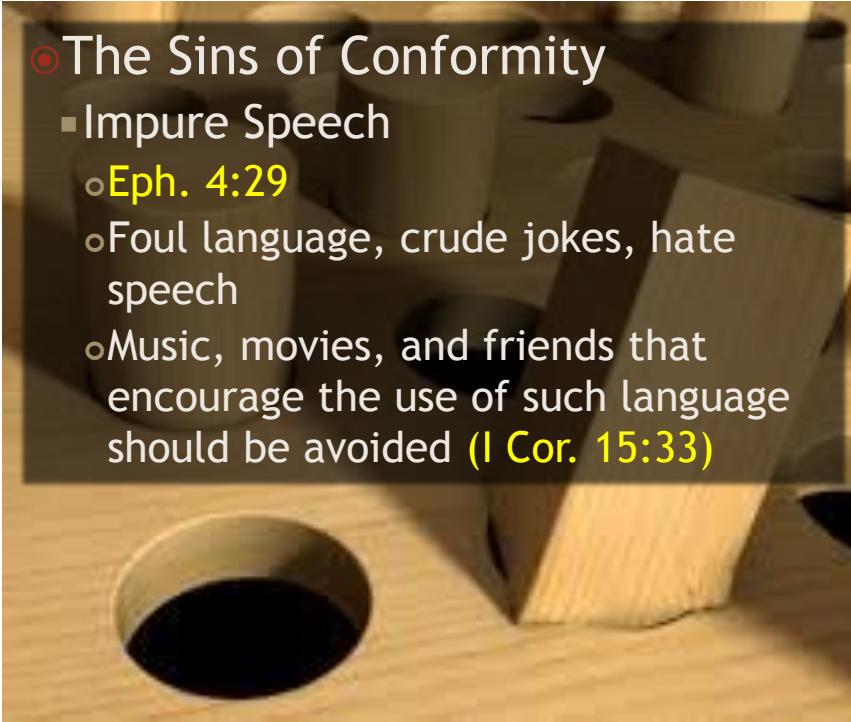
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- Drug Use
 - Alcohol in General
 - Strong Drink (**Prov. 20:1; 31:6**)
 - Wine (**Prov. 23:29-35**)
- Dishonesty
 - Cheating to pass a class
 - Cheating to fit in
 - Bearing false witness is sin (**Rom. 13:9**)


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○ The Sins of Conformity

- Impure Speech
 - **Eph. 4:29**
 - Foul language, crude jokes, hate speech
 - Music, movies, and friends that encourage the use of such language should be avoided (**I Cor. 15:33**)

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○ God's Answer to Conformity

- God's answer is transformation
(Rom. 12:1-3)
- God's answer is to come out and be separate (II Cor. 6:16-18)
- God's answer is to give us a family

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