



welcome to

SIERRA

community church

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**Discover God's
direction for life in
the cross-roads of
two kingdoms.**

God's Original Intent

1. God created, governs and made an order to His creation.

“And God said” - 9 X in Genesis Chapter 1

Gen. 1:16-18 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.



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2. God gave man dominion over the earth.

Gen. 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them **rule** over... over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

Gen. 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. **Rule** over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”



God's Original Intent

2. God gave man dominion

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God's Original Intent

3. God had expectations and boundaries for humanity.

Gen. 1:26-27 Then God said, “Let us make man **in our image**, in our likeness, ²⁷ So God created man in **his own image**...

Gen. 2:17 but **you must not** eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil



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4. God held them accountable for their choices.

*Gen. 2:17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for **when you eat of it you will surely die.**”*



God's Original Intent

Genesis 1

1. God created, governs and made an order to His creation.
2. God gave man dominion over the earth.
3. God had expectations and boundaries for humanity.
4. God held them accountable for their choices.

Genesis 3

1. God created, governs and made an order for His creation.
2. God gave man dominion over the earth.
3. God had expectations and boundaries for humanity.
4. God holds us accountable for our choices.



God's Original Intent

Three Truths



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I. We were made to “reflect” God.



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1. We were made to “reflect” God.
2. God expects us to govern our lives under His authority.



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Three Truths

1. We were made to “reflect” God.
2. God expects us to govern our lives under His authority.
3. We will all give an account for our choices.



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Three Questions



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I. Are you “reflecting” His likeness?



Just because you attend church or engage in certain religious activities does not necessarily mean you are a Christian. The Apostle Paul instructed those in the early church to examine themselves to see if their faith was genuine (2 Corinthians 13:5).

So, how do I know if you are a Christian? How do you know if I'm one? There must be evidence. Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them" (Matthew 7:20).



If someone examined your life, would they find any spiritual fruit—hard evidence to prove that you are a true follower of Jesus Christ?

Or, let me put it another way: If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? By "evidence," I don't mean how many Bibles you own, or how many bumper stickers you might have on your car with Christian sayings on them. I mean hard evidence.



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If your family members, neighbors, and coworkers were interviewed and asked the question, "Is (your name here), in your opinion, a real Christian?" we might not be happy with the response.

The only way others can tell whether you are a Christian is by your works. While all the good works in the world won't save a person (Titus 3:5), they are reasonable evidence that someone is saved.



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Three Questions

1. Are you “reflecting” His likeness?
2. Are you **governing** your own life and those under your care?



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OS/SIPRED, n. Compaternity; spiritual affinity, for which a juror might be challenged. [Not used.] Davies.
 OSSOON', n. [Fr. *garçon*, corrupted.] A boy; a servant. [Not in use.]
 OS'TING, n. An herb. Ainsworth.
 OT, *prct. of get.* The old preterit *gat*, pronounced *got*, is nearly obsolete.

GOUT, n. *goo.* [Fr. from L. Taste; relish.
 GOUT'INESS, n. The state subject to the gout; gouty aff
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 GOUT'WÖRT, n. A plant

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Government: Direct

Men are apt to neglect the government of their passions.

The exercise of authority by parents of households.

"Children are often ruined by a neglect of government in parents"



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OUÛE, v. t. *gouj.* To scoop out with a gouge.

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 GÖVERN, v. i. To exercise authority; to

territory over which the right of sovereignty is extended.
 7. The right of governing or administering the laws. The king of England vested the government of Ireland in the lord

Prov. 25:28 Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks **self-control**.

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and **self-control**.

1Th. 5:6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and **self-controlled**.

1Pet. 1:13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be **self-controlled**; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1Pet. 4:7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and **self-controlled** so that you can pray.

1Pet. 5:8 Be **self-controlled** and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

2Pet. 1:5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, **self-control**; and to **self-control**,

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Three Questions

1. Are you “reflecting” His likeness?
2. Are you **governing** your own life and those under your care?
3. Who are you accountable to?



An abstract background with a textured, painterly appearance. The top half is dominated by various shades of blue, from deep navy to lighter, almost white blues, with some reddish-brown and greenish tones interspersed. The bottom half is a rich, warm orange-brown, also with a textured, brush-stroke-like quality. The overall effect is that of a layered, expressive artwork.

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