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Authentic Identity  
“In but not of the world”

“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him...” Genesis 2:18

### HOW ARE WE TO LIVE WITHIN A GODLESS SOCIETY?

- **With LOVE:** Jesus gives us the overriding commandment: Love one another

*“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven.”*  
Matthew 5:43-45

- **With COMPASSION:** Jesus consistently demonstrated compassion to sinners

*“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”*  
Matthew 9:36

- **With WISDOM:** Knowing who we are called to avoid and not avoid

*“I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world... since then you would need to go out of the world. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside.”*  
1 Corinthians 5:9–13

*“Don’t be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. Don’t participate in the things these people do...Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them... So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.”*  
Ephesians 5:6-7,10-11, 15-17

- **With SEPARATION: IN but not OF the World:** Knowing where you belong.

*“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”*  
John 15:18-19

*“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.”*  
John 17:14-16

*“Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world... anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.”*  
1 John 2:15-17

*“Don’t team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever?”*  
2 Corinthians 6:14-15

- **With COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS:**

*“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”*  
Hebrews 10:24-25

- **With PRAYER & INTENTION:** Be prepared to share our message of hope

*“Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart... Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.”*  
Colossians 4:1, 5-6

Book Resources:

Embodied: Transgender Identities, the Church, and What the Bible Has to Say  
Preston M. Sprinkle – (Christian)

The End of Gender: Debunking the Myths about Sex and Identity in Our Society

Debra Soh – (Secular)

Your Calling Here and Now: Making Sense of Vocation

Gordon T. Smith – (Christian)

Known by God: A Biblical Theology of Personal Identity

by [Brian S. Rosner](#)

Interviews:

Parental Trauma in a World of Gender Insanity | Miriam Grossman MD

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su2Z4\\_iQHz4&t=235s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su2Z4_iQHz4&t=235s)

Jordan Peterson Interview (secular conversation)

Very helpful for parents who want to know more about the gender agenda.