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“For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the **grace** of our God **into sensuality** and deny (*literally* contradict, not bring forth) our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.” ⇒ Jude 1:4. This happens when amazing **grace** is recognized but the amazing **Giver** is not... the contradiction of Master / Lordship. It spreads to other relationships, too; carefulness, tenderness and humility fade into devaluation of what was once a very precious intimacy.

On a human gut level, the realities of God’s amazing grace permeate our soul over time, which is good; however: if our spirit is not being controlled by God’s Holy Spirit, our humanity can get **lustful with the revelation** and sheer magnitude of God’s forgiveness through Jesus Christ. **THIS spiritual disease** is rampant and has an end goal of removing names from God’s book of eternal life ⇒ Revelation 3:5. **THIS spiritual disease** is also preventable by our own daily choosing a spiritually careful lifestyle ⇒ Revelation 3:1-6.

Some important symptoms:

- Which spirit of **whatever**:
 - Biblical** definition: as much, as great, and as long as exists; to receive everything!
⇒ Exodus 13:2; Philippians 4:8.
 - Worldly** definition: as little as possible; to not be bothered with anyone or anything.
 - Which spirit of **ownership**:
 - Biblical** definition: the function of possession is generosity; ministry to others since God generously gave it and ability for it to me! ⇒ Matthew 10:8; Romans 8:32.
 - Worldly** definition: I worked hard for this; it’s all mine; don’t tell me otherwise.
 - Which spirit of **holiness**:
 - Biblical** definition: a heart and lifestyle that authentically does chase after God! ⇒ Genesis 6:9; 17:1; Matthew 5:48; focused, pure, intentional intimacy with God.
 - Worldly** definition: an outward appearance that looks lawful or proper. 2 Timothy 3:5 ⇒ says this denies (*literally* contradicts, does not bring forth) God’s power. In the USA, both ‘conservatism’ and ‘liberalism’ use aspects of this humanism.
 - Which definition of **Christianity**:
 - Biblical** definition: a disciple of Jesus Christ ⇒ Matthew 28:19-20; look up “follow me” verses in the Bible.
 - Worldly** definition: whatever you want; this results in the eternal self-damnation of even the most serious, kind and giving of people... all because Jesus is not Lord.
- The **POINT** here: Christianity is hard work ever motivated by reciprocated love. So we will abase God’s amazing grace **unless** two-way intimacy between Him and us is growing just like every other close relationship... except this one stands alone; with our Creator / Redeemer / Ultimate Lover. Remember marriage is precious because it is the temporary (yet watered down) model of our undeserved but permanent relationship with God in Heaven forever. This makes **grace amazing!**... do **whatever** it takes to **not abase it!!!** ♥