

## Moral Standards

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Christian moral standards used to be considered good. Now the moral teachings of Jesus (especially in areas of sexuality) are increasingly considered bigoted, harmful, and hateful. Depression and loneliness are rampant. Fatherlessness and divorce are off the charts. Pornography use is pervasive. People are addicted to social media. Hundreds of thousands of preborn humans are aborted every year. And our culture seems more racially divided than ever.

You may feel so overwhelmed with your responsibilities, and the myriad of moral issues that you are expected to opine about on social media, that you hardly have time to slow down and grow up. Bombarded by endless messages of promiscuity and compromise, who can honestly expect you to make right choices today?

The answer to that question is simple: God. God expects you to make right choices... God's standards never change, even if ours do. And God not only expects you to stand up for what is right; he also will empower you with the strength to do so. How can you possibly do that today? Let's start by looking back at the story of Daniel, a young man who rebelled against the expectations of his culture and refused to back down from his convictions.

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