
The Subtlety of Conformity

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Romans 12:2

Introduction:

Human beings have an almost instinctive desire to belong...to be accepted and often try to adapt ourselves, our actions, words, attitudes, and beliefs to the group we want to be a part of.

This adaptation is sometimes very deliberate and intentional, but most of the time is very subtle...almost unconscious in nature...and can be very problematic when the group's philosophies, attitudes and action come in conflict with our biblically held beliefs. This conflict creates confusion in our thinking.

We must look at the competing views, the language and words being used and the underlying messages being portrayed.

Translating the Language Barrier

Different systems of thought often pour different meanings to the words they use...we must understand those differences in order to grasp the messages being promoted.

Love:

Judgement:

Hate:

Sin:

Interpreting the World's Message

There is no God - You are the master of your fate...you are in control.

You determine truth and morality – what is right or wrong.

This life is all that matters.

Comparing the Two Views of Life

God exists and we are accountable to Him.

He determines truth and morality.

He is in charge...not man.

You must choose whom you will serve: Yourself or God...there is no compromise.