

# Living Above the Fray

The Good Life: According to Satan

2 Timothy 3:1-5

# The need for LOVE

- We were created with a need to be loved.
- We were created with a need to love.
- The initial ground of this love is within the family.
- The ultimate ground for this love is found in God.

## Luke 10:25–27

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup> He answered: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

# The impact of distortion

- Theoretical: Theological
- Practical: Moral

## 2 Timothy 3:1-9

<sup>1</sup>But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup>People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— <sup>5</sup>having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

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Selfish rather than sacrificial love.

## 2. The Love of money

The means of validating ones worth.

# The Good Life

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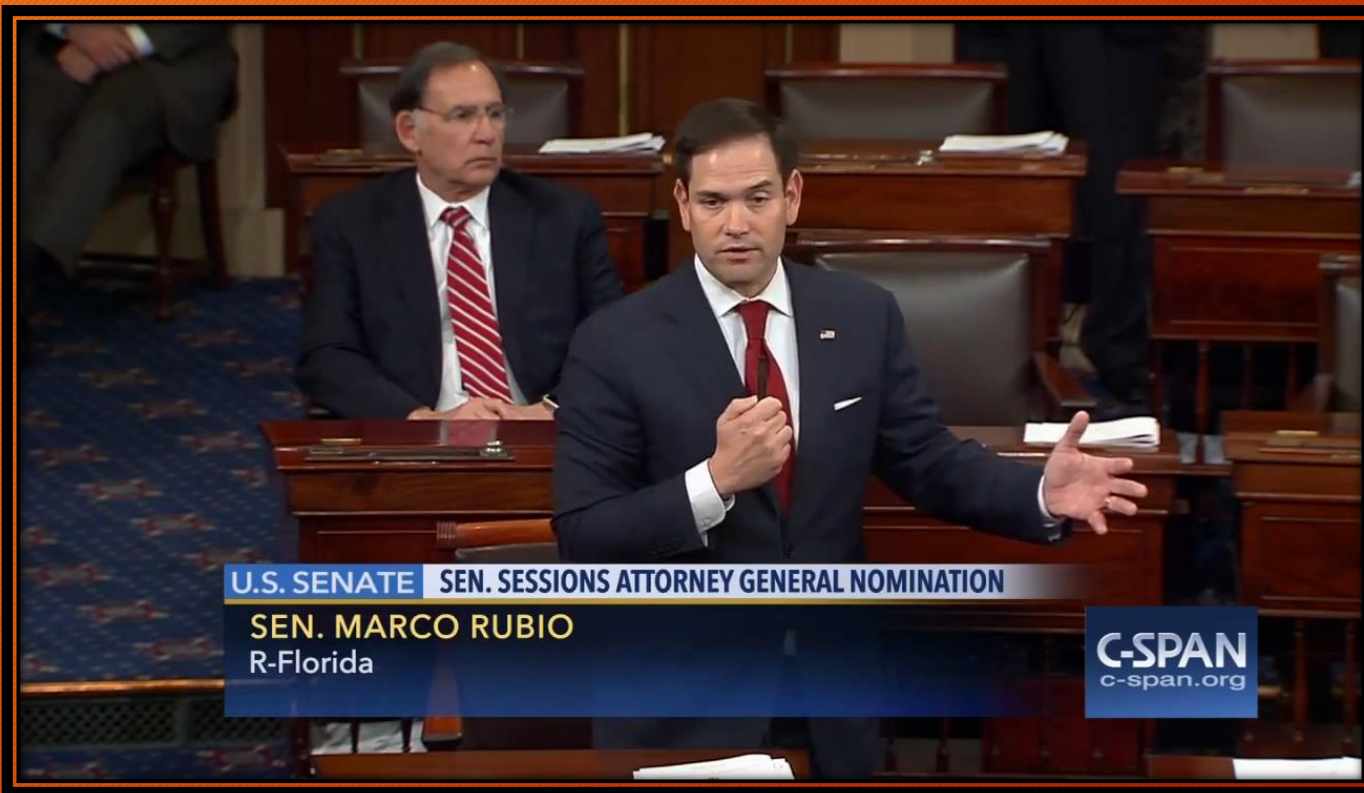
Seeking to ease the pain that comes with using rather than loving.

# The ultimate challenge

- Having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

## To Go . . .

- How much of what Paul describes is prevalent in our society?



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- How much of what Paul describes is prevalent in our society?
- How many of the characteristics that are mentioned are present in your life?
- How can/should our commitment to “love the Lord our God” change our perspective?