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“They are dreaded and feared; their justice and authority originate with themselves.” – Habakkuk 1:7

DEFINITIONS



The Virtue: JUSTICE

Justice deals with truth in our relations with others & shows the proper moderation between self-interest and the rights and needs of others. Justice is built on truth as we reflect the character of God to people in our lives

The Vice: INJUSTICE

Injustice is built on lies and encompasses the sins or ‘commission’ and ‘omission’ and damages people in our lives as we make a wrong judgment



INJUSTICE COMES FROM WITHIN

1. We all as sinners have a tendency toward injustice.
2. We have to break the chains of injustice.
 - a) Requires a willingness to trust God and His word as a go to source of truth (**prudence**)
 - b) Requires that you first learn to apply His truth to yourself (**faith**)
 - c) Do you know your blind spots that get in the way of treating others with JUSTICE?



SEEING WITH NEW EYES



“See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ” – 2 Colossians 2:8



OUR POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE

“For the single most important institution shaping western culture is the university. It is at the university that our future political leaders, our journalists, our teachers, our business executives, our lawyers, our artists, will be trained. It is at the university that they will formulate or, more likely, *simply absorb the worldview that will shape their lives.*”

■ – Dr. William Lane Craig



SECULAR VS. BIBLICAL JUSTICE

Social Justice

Law of Fairness

God

Foundation: **Atheism/Evolution**

Equality: **Equal Results**

Humans: **Naturally Good**

Truth: **Relative to group**

Society: **MultiCULTuralism**

Identity: **First Adam**

Family: **Secondary**

Biblical Justice

God

Justice

Foundation: **Theism/Creation**

Equality: **Equal Opportunity**

Humans: **Fallen/rebellious**

Truth: **Relative to God**

Society: **CROSSculturalism**

Identity: **Second Adam**

Family: **Primary**



TOWARD A BIBLICAL SOCIOLOGY

Pre-fall heaven on earth:

- 1) God
- 2) Work
- 3) Image of God “Male & Female”
- 4) Marriage & Family



1. GOD STARTED WITH THE FAMILY

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "**Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.**"

– Genesis 1:27-28



2. THE OLD TESTAMENT ENDS WITH A PROMISE TO FATHERS IN THE FAMILY

"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers..."

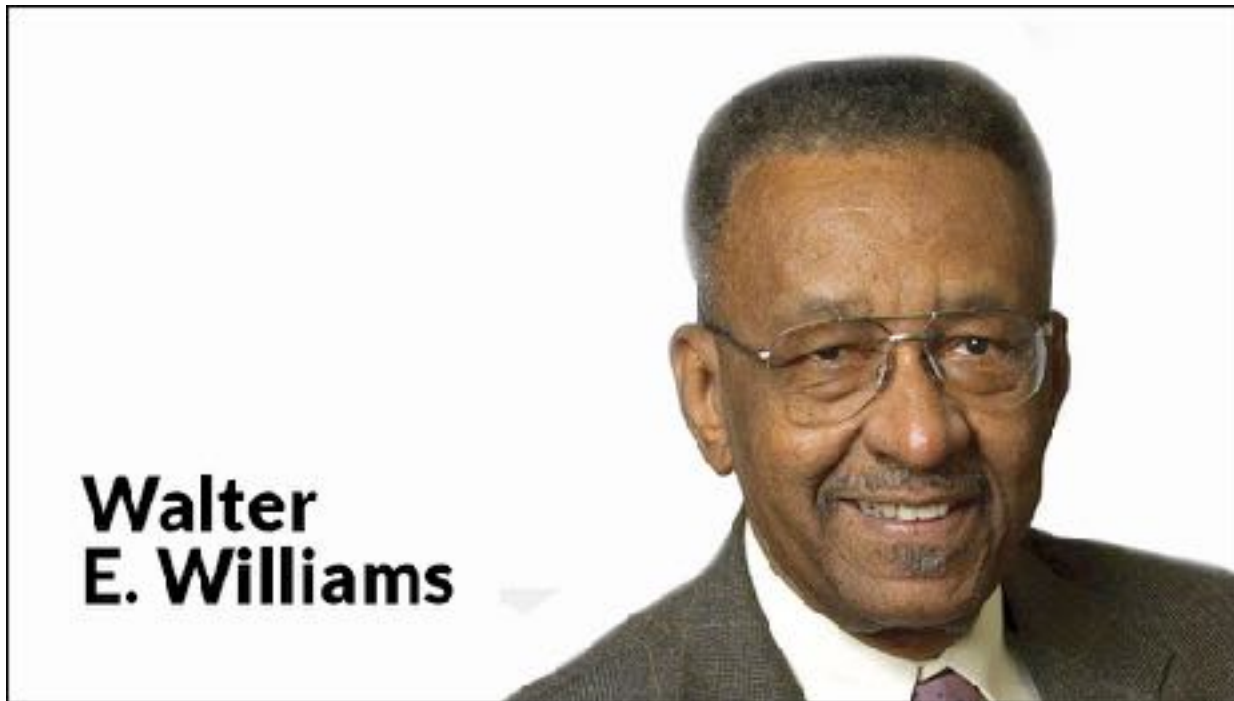
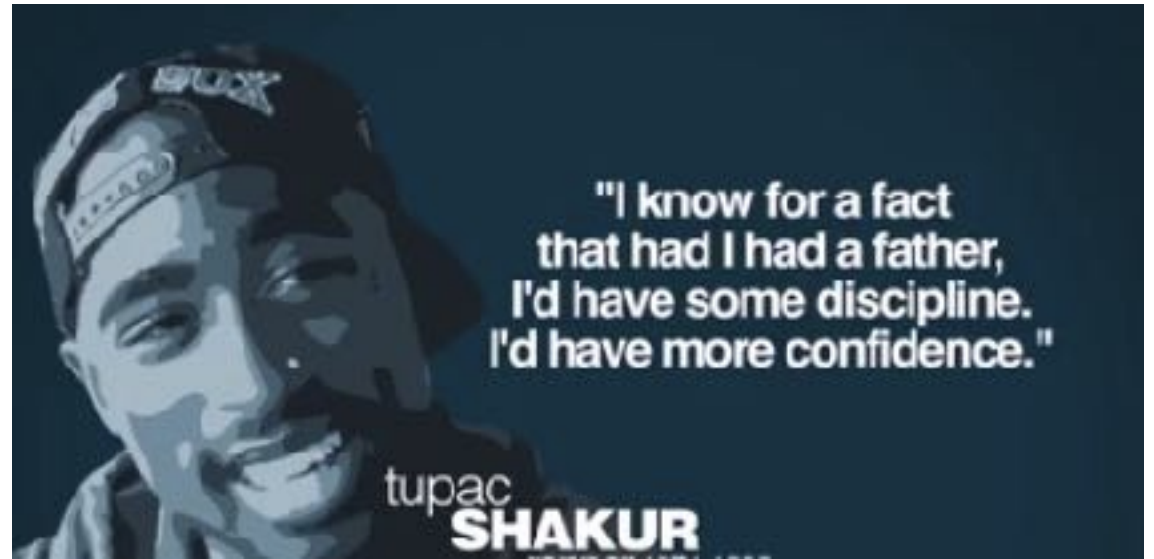
– Malachi 4:5-6



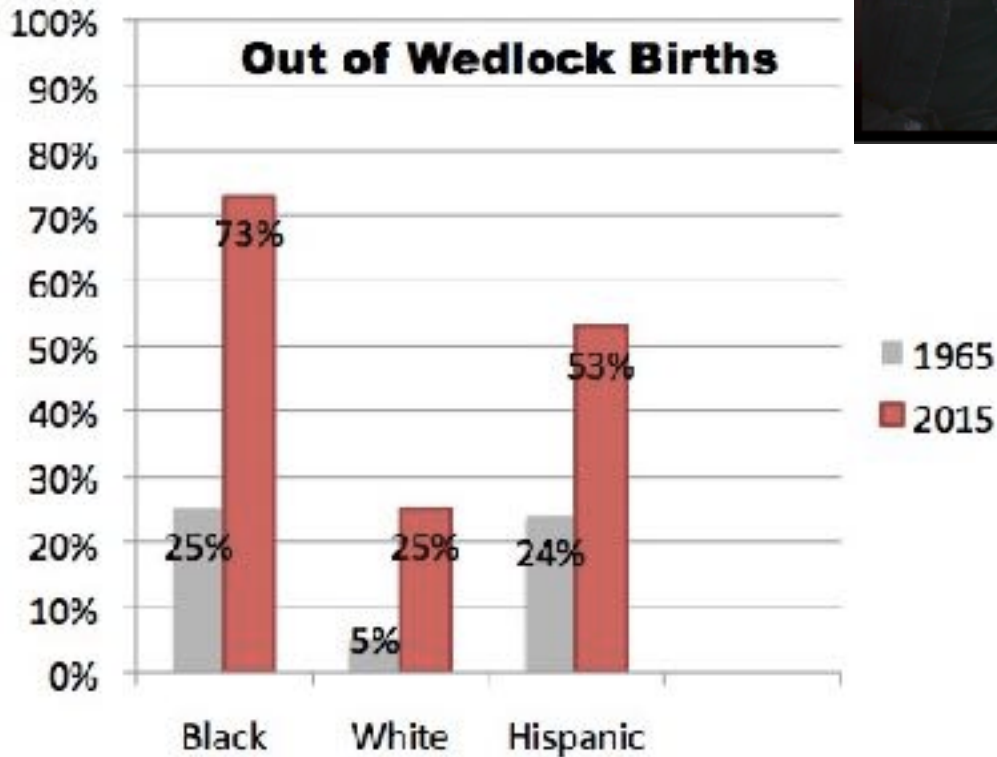
3. THE COMING OF JESUS STARTED WITH FATHERS IN THE FAMILY

“Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children...” – Luke 1:16-17

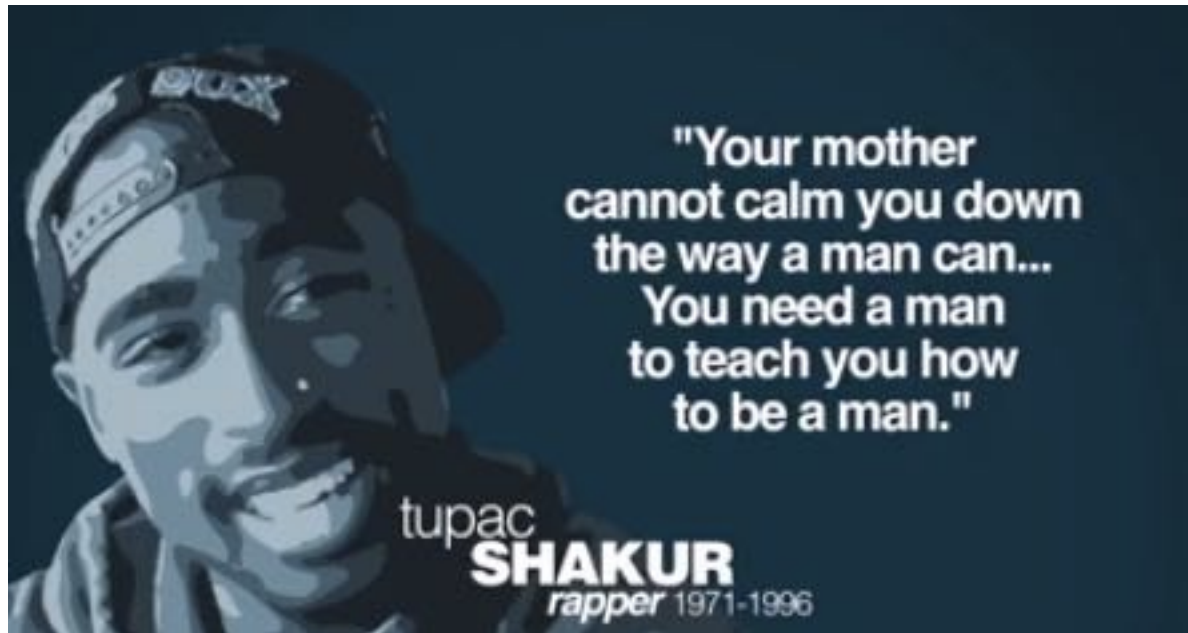




GOOD GOOD FATHER



MOTHERS MAKE BOYS, FATHERS MAKE MEN



GO AND DO!

1. Ensure a biblical sociology, the framework for biblical justice by:
 - a) Renewing your mind (Rom 12:2; Col 2:8)
 - b) Elevating marriage & fatherhood in your cultural sphere of influence
 - c) Spiritually adopting “sons & daughters”
 - d) Building men of all ages to be “Men of virtue in a culture of vice”

