

DISORDERED DESIRES:  
NOT ALL YOUR  
DESIRES ARE GOOD.  
IF THEY WERE, THEY  
WOULD DIRECT YOU  
TOWARD WHAT IS  
GOOD, RIGHT, JUST,  
AND NOBLE.  
BUT SOME OF YOUR  
DESIRES DIRECT  
YOU AWAY FROM  
WHAT IS GOOD.  
THESE DISORDERED  
DESIRES ARE PART  
OF OUR FALLEN  
NATURE AND THE  
RESULT OF ORIGINAL  
SIN. WHAT ARE  
YOUR DISORDERED  
DESIRES?

JUST DO  
THE NEXT  
RIGHT  
THING.

## 2.2 STINKING THINKING

Even though God has given us incredible minds to reason with, we still do a lot of **stinking thinking**. Let's take a quick look at some of the paths that the world proposes for happiness.

**Individualism.** The creed of the individualist is: What's in it for me? Individualism is the philosophy of selfishness. The fruits of individualism are greed, selfishness, isolation, and exploitation.

Individualism is stinking thinking.

**Hedonism.** The creed of the hedonist is: Pleasure is the ultimate goal in life; if it feels good, do it! The fruits of hedonism are laziness, gluttony, procrastination, and lust.

Hedonism is stinking thinking.

**Minimalism.** The creed of the minimalist is: What's the least I can do? A minimalist is always seeking to exert the minimum effort and receive the maximum reward. Minimalism is the enemy of excellence and the father of mediocrity.

Minimalism is stinking thinking.

**Relativism.** The creed of the Relativist is: There is no absolute truth; what's true for you may not be true for me! Relativism contradicts itself because it claims, "It is absolutely true for everybody that nothing is absolutely true for everybody." The fruits of relativism are disorientation, intellectual and spiritual confusion, and hopelessness caused by the loss of any meaning in life.

Relativism is stinking thinking.



Great thoughts are beautiful. Great actions are inspiring. Are any of these philosophies beautiful? I think not. When someone embraces these broken ways of thinking and living, do they inspire anything good? Absolutely not.

They may be convenient to your disordered desires and selfishness at a particular moment, but do they really suffice as a philosophy to live your life by?





# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



**1. HOW IS “STINKING THINKING” HOLDING YOU BACK FROM BECOMING THE PERSON GOD CREATED YOU TO BE?**

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**2. INDIVIDUALISM, HEDONISM, MINIMALISM, RELATIVISM: WHICH OF THESE ARE THE BIGGEST TEMPTATIONS FOR YOU AT THIS TIME IN YOUR LIFE?**

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**3. DESCRIBE A TIME WHEN YOU EMBRACED ONE OF THESE BROKEN PHILOSOPHIES. WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME? HOW DID YOU FEEL AFTERWARD? DID YOU BECOME A-BETTER-VERSION-OF-YOURSELF?**

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