

## OPINIONS THAT MATTER

### Temptation

*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die. – Gen 2:17*

*So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. – Gen 3:6*

- Authority: Who gets to decide
- Responsibility: Who must decide

### Consequences

- Judgment and Criticism
  - Heed rulings that are binding
  - Consider perspectives that could matter
  - Dismiss opinions that do not matter
- Distorted Self-Images
  - Who others say you are
  - Who you think you are
  - Who God says you are
- Fear of Man
  - Co-dependency
- Hyper-Responsibility
  - Justice Mentality
  - Critical Spirit
  - Spirit of Rebellion
- Falling Prey to the Prowler
  - Cultural Influence (News, Polls, Elections)
  - Word Curses
  - Accusations

### Consider the Source

*We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ. - 2 Cor 10:5*

- Revisit your authority hierarchy (Set the Lord God as highest authority)

### Your Opinion Doesn't Matter (YODM)

- Recall YODM to be released of unwarranted responsibility
- Invoke YODM to be released from unwarranted accusation