

Filtering Memes and Narratives

The world is full of fast information. So many narratives are opinions or complaints. It is important to have filters for our minds so that unnecessary thoughts will be rejected.

1 Corinthians 14:33 “For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.” *There is a person who hates the fellowship of the saints and will do anything divide and kill them.*

* Let’s take a look at **Biblical** and **Practical** ways to filter information.

Information Source:

1. Does it promote the obeying of federal and state laws. Order in society provides stability.

Romans 13:1 All of you must yield to the government rulers. No one rules unless God has given him the power to rule, and no one rules now without that power from God. **2.** So those who are against the government are really against what God has commanded.

2. Does it promote healthy choices. 1Cor 10:23 “All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient.” Does it provide fare and just choices for those that are loving and encouraging to those around them.

3. Does it require a cost. One of the main themes of the Bible is the sacrifice and shedding of blood. **To have a proper relation we have to know the cost of it.** The cost of salvation and reconciliation to God is very high and was paid by the death of an innocent man. John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

4. Will it translate to sacrifice for the next generation. **The freedom and liberty we enjoy today was paid for by the blood of young men. This is the love the Jesus talked about.** John 15:12 “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you”. **Without that sacrifice our freedoms will stop very quickly.** Our diversity of race, culture, and color is quickly confirmed by the young people who rely on each other in time of horrific battle.

5. Will it help us to send missionaries in hostile lands. **The Christian missionaries spread all throughout Asia, Africa, and the Americas** have been supported by a country full of mercy, charity, and vision for making better villages and cities for the less fortunate. John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

6. Does it place the responsibility for change on the individual. Matthew 7:5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye. Matthew 5:13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. **Being a light means excepting the responsibility for the change in your own life.**