

FREE TO BE



The Modern Era



- **Modern Era – Modernity**
 - Very roughly 1500's to Mid 1900's
- **Ideas I personally, was raised with:**
 - Objective reality – there is a reality, truth outside of me, mankind
 - Historical and scientific statements are true or false
 - Society can change and improve using reason and logic
 - Reason and logic are valid and apply to everyone
 - There is such a thing as human nature that is present at birth, that society does not give us

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/postmodernism-philosophy>



The Post Modern Era



- **Post Modern Era – Postmodernism**
 - Very roughly mid 1900's to now – gradual change – Europe is a generation ahead of us
- Ideas many of our youth & young adults grew up with (are growing up with now)
- Everything on the last side is questioned and considered untrue



The Post Modern Era



- Very, very, simple, basic definition:
- Main belief is that since there are uncountable possible interpretations to understand the world, there is no one way to interpret reality
 - = no 'meta narrative' – no all encompassing story
 - = the bible, Judaeo-Christian teaching is only one of any number of options



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By Ritu Prasad
BBC News, Alabama

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- Since the previous slide is true – then all attempts at interpreting and understanding in only one way is a struggle for power. Any attempt to have ‘the’ truth is wrong and twisted, an attempt to control and oppress

= Pro life – Anti Abortion is wrong

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Do not oppress me – I choose!



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- Since there is no such thing as universal human nature, each society determines what it looks like:

= gender is a choice

The screenshot shows a Facebook profile settings page. At the top, there is a 'Gender' dropdown menu set to 'Custom'. Below this, there is a 'Gender' label and a text input field. To the right of the input field is a 'Friends' dropdown menu. Below the input field, there is a question 'What pronoun do you use?' followed by a dropdown menu set to 'Neutral: "Wish them a happy birthday!"'. Below this, there is a line of text 'Your pronoun is Public. Learn more.' with a globe icon. A blue information box with a white 'i' icon contains the text 'Your pronoun is Public and can be seen by anyone.' At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Save Changes' and 'Cancel'.



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= what constitutes a family, is fluid



FREE TO BE 'God Has Spoken'

2 Timothy 3:1-17
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Context and passage idea



Chapter Two

- has been warning about false teachers and false ideas
- Urges Timothy to patiently seek to bring people back to the truth

Chapter Three

- **Very difficult times will come**
 - The self will be central
 - People will be religious without God's power
- **To live for the truth will bring persecution**
- **The only defence and hope is the Word of God**



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God Has Spoken



1. Wake Up!
2. Take Stand!
3. Know The Word!



1. Wake Up! 2 Timothy 3:1-9



“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.” (2 Timothy 3:1, NIV84)

“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:” (2 Timothy 3:1, NKJV)

**“Don’t be naive. There are difficult times ahead.”
(2 Timothy 3:1, The Message)**



1. Wake Up! 2 Timothy 3:1-9



Doesn't impact you? Think again!

- Legal system



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Religion defence fails

Jonathon Gatehouse

National Post

ined a Toronto printer \$5,000 for refusing to produce letterhead for a gay and lesbian charity, ruling that the businessman's religious beliefs do not give him the right to pick and choose



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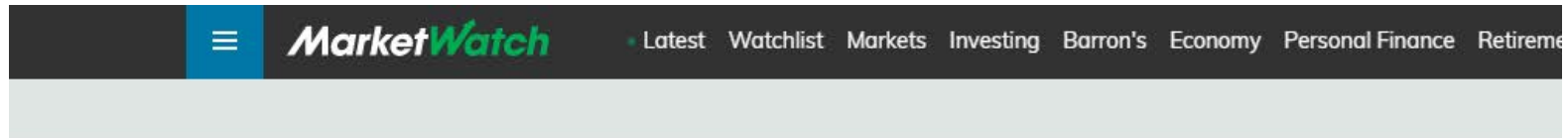


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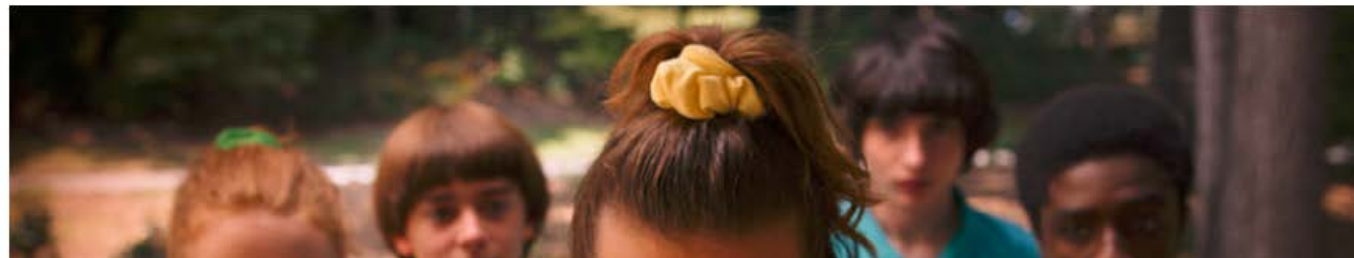
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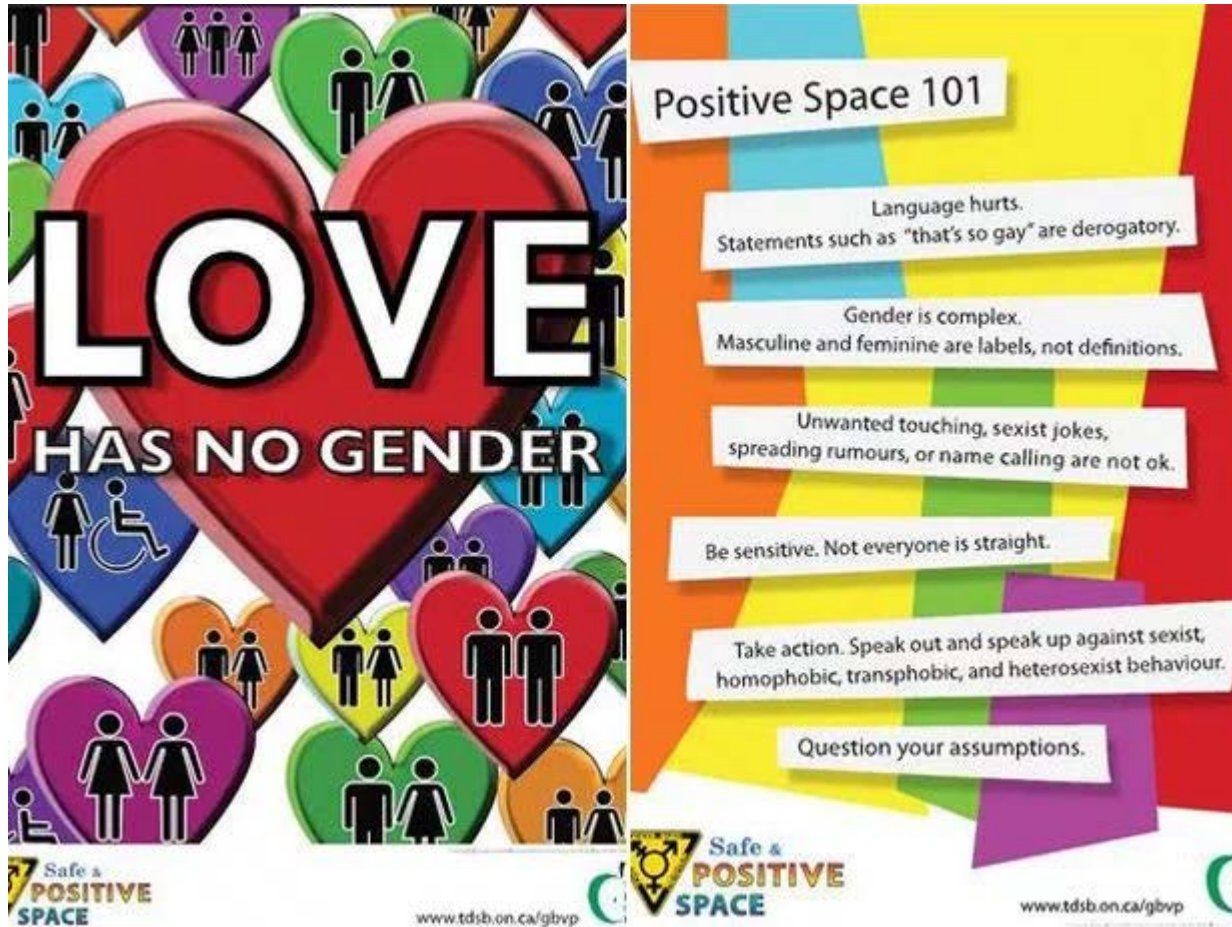


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- The education system
 - Universities
 - Teacher training
 - Public schools



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Listen to what Jordan Peterson a clinical psychologist and professor of psychology at the university of Toronto says about OISE (University of Toronto) the main university that trains our public education teachers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cf2nqmQlfxc>



God Has Spoken



1. Wake Up!
2. Take Stand!



2. Take Stand! 2 Timothy 3:10-13



“Now you followed my teaching... what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me! Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.” (2 Timothy 3:10–13, NASB95)



2. Take Stand! 2 Timothy 3:10-13



- If there is such a thing as a lie – then there is truth

*“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”
(John 8:44, NIV84)*



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- If there is such a thing as a lie – then there is truth

“So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”” (John 8:31–32, NASB95)



April 3, 2017



2. Take Stand! 2 Timothy 3:10-13



“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.” (Hebrews 1:1–2, NIV84)



2. Take Stand! 2 Timothy 3:10-13



- Only 6% of Canadians and 11 % of Christians talk to others about the Bible outside of religious services at least once a week.

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- Speak up – it may cost you
 - Friends
 - Your job
 - Family
 - Career



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2. Take Stand!

3. Know The Word!

❖ **Live the Word – a relationship with a living Saviour**



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“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 3:14–15, NIV84)



3. Know The Word!



The Word is a person! Remember - Christ in Us!!!!

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1, NIV84)

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14, NIV84)



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- ❖ Live the Word – a relationship with a living Saviour
- ❖ Learn the Word



3. Know The Word!



The Word is critical to sharpen us and mature us!

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16–17, NIV84)



3. Know The Word!



- About one in seven Canadian Christians, or 14%, read the Bible at least once a week. The majority of Canadians, including those who identify themselves as Christian, read the Bible either seldom or never.

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- One in seven Canadians (13%) and about one in four Christians(23%) strongly agree that the Bible is relevant to modern life.

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- Only about one in ten Canadians (11 %) and two in ten Christians (21 %) reflect on the meaning of the Bible for their lives at least a few times a week.

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3. Know The Word!



- Read to know Him
- Learn to read to know Him
- If you can't read- listen to know Him



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- ❖ Live the Word – a relationship with a living Saviour
- ❖ Learn the Word
- ❖ Lead those around you



3. Know The Word!



- **Lead**
 - **Your family**
 - **Your children**
 - **Your friends**
- **Gospel project**
- **Active in children's education**
 - **Local school**
 - **Home school**
 - **Christian school**



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1 Bible Based



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The elders, pastors, leaders, teachers, etc. etc.5 @ WBC – say to themselves and you....

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We will not back down. We are built on His Word 