

Gaining Perspective Finding the Good Life

- The Good Life will only be found when your _____ is in the right place
1. Logos = the actual _____ that is said ("reality")
 - a. What is your current reality? How well are you positioned to experience the full goodness of God?
 2. Ethos = the character or _____ of the person doing the speaking
 - a. if the right "ethos" isn't there, If your character isn't there, Then it doesn't matter what you have to say, no one will listen to you
 - b. in terms of ETHOS, the question is raised concerning the *nature* of what is around us
 - c. What is the character, the nature of the world around you?
 - d. "Gospel of Judas"... the Gnostic Gospels:
 - 1) The Gnostics believed that the physical, material world was inherently _____. It is evil by nature, and the only way to find true goodness, happiness or salvation, is to free yourself of this world.
 - e. The mainstream Christian church has said that Gnosticism is heresy; the problem is not with the creation or with how God created us, rather, the problem is when we warp, distort, abuse, or misuse the _____ creation that already exists
 - f. when Michelangelo created the great sculpture, *David*, he started with the beautiful sculpture *David* and then he simply removed every piece of "bad" rock that wasn't David
 - g. If you cannot see the good that *already* exists by nature in the world around you, you will never find the good life
 - h. 1 Thess 5:18 – "In all things, give thanks."
 3. Pathos = the nature of the _____
 - a. for you or for anyone for that matter to be able to truly hear me, you will have to not only trust me & know that I am speaking truth, but also, you must have the eyes to see and the ears to hear the truth that is presented, otherwise, you will hear absolutely nothing
 - b. "having eyes, why do you not see? having ears, why do you not hear?"
 - c. If you are distracted, unfocused, if what is going on within you is frenzied, hurried, worried, anxious, even _____ and shame, if the Good Life was right in front of you, would you see it?
 - d. Why does Jesus ask you to take a moment everyday to slow down, pray, get your "insides", your inner nature & soul right with God?
 - e. if *you, your pathos, your inner nature, even your soul* is right, then it is simply amazing how true goodness can be found at every single turn on life's journey

- perspective 1. word 2. nature d. evil e. good 3. listener c. guilt