

# God's Present Intentions



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## The Church as a Window



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# Key Verse

**For although they knew God, they  
neither glorified him as God nor  
gave thanks to him, but their  
thinking became futile and their  
foolish hearts were darkened.**

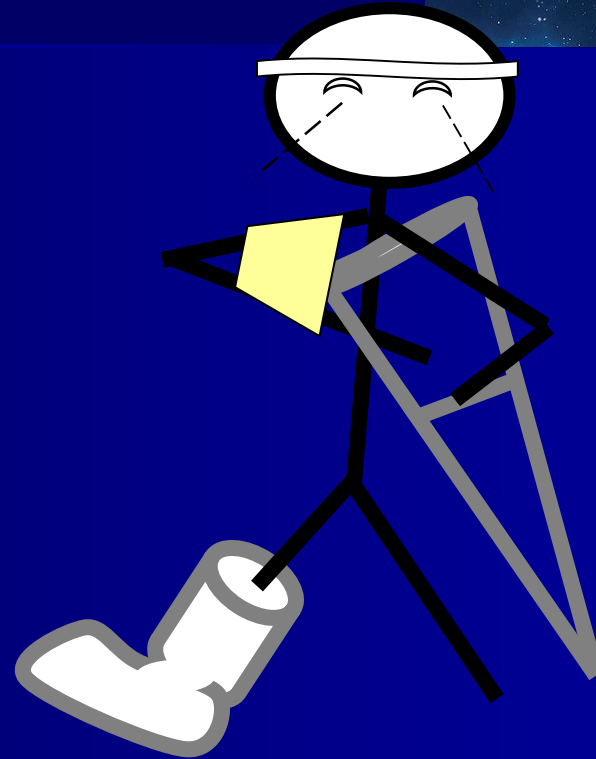
**Romans 1:21**



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# Man and His Brokenness

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# Supporting Verses



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**What is God's attitude toward broken man?**

**John 3:17 – Jesus came to save, not condemn**

**Phil. 2:5-11 – We are to have the same attitude**



# Supporting Verses



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What are God's intentions for the future?

- **Is. 11:4-9 – There will be peace and plenty**
- **Is. 61:1-4 – We will participate in restoration**
- **John 14:1-4 – Jesus prepares a place for us**
- **Rom. 8:21 – All creation will be liberated**
- **Rev. 21:1-4 – No tears, death, pain**
- **Matt. 19:28 – Jesus will return as king**

# Symbol for God's Intentions for the Future



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- **No death**
- **Peace**
- **Plenty**
- **God lives with us**



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# Is this Good News?



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# Rudy's Story

# What is the Good News now?

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What might be God's  
“good news” for the present?

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**This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”**

**Matthew 6:9-10**

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- **What would happen if God's will were done on earth as it is done in heaven?**

# Supporting Verses



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**What are God's general intentions for the present?**

- John 14:13
- Mat 28:18-20

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**Obey Him – if we love Him**

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- **Mat 28:18-20**
  - **Teach others to obey**

# Supporting Verses



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## How do we know God's intentions – His will?

- Prov. 2:1-5
- Psalms 119:99-100
- John 16:13

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- **John 16:13 – The Spirit guides us into truth**

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**John 14: 10-14 - Jesus did/was the will of the Father because they abode in each other.**

**John 15:7-8 - If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish...**

**Oswald Chambers, June 7 – “The disciple who abides in Jesus is the will of God”**

# Supporting Verses

**What are God's intentions  
for our personal lives?**

- Acts 14:22
- Eph. 5:17-20
- 1 Thes. 4:3,11



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- Eph 5:22 to 6:2 – Be submissive, honor and give respect
- **Eph 6:4 – Train children in holy living**

# Supporting Verses



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**What are God's intentions for our  
Christian brothers and sisters?**

- John 13:34
- John 17:20-23

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# Question



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- **Rom 13:1 – Submit to those in authority**  
(Give to Ceasar what is Ceasar's...Mt 22:21)

# Supporting Verses



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**What are God's intentions for our relationships to our enemies?**

**Luke 6:27, 35-36**



# Supporting Verses – Set 3



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without expectation**

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# God's Intentions for the Present



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**Obedience = Demonstration  
of God's Love**

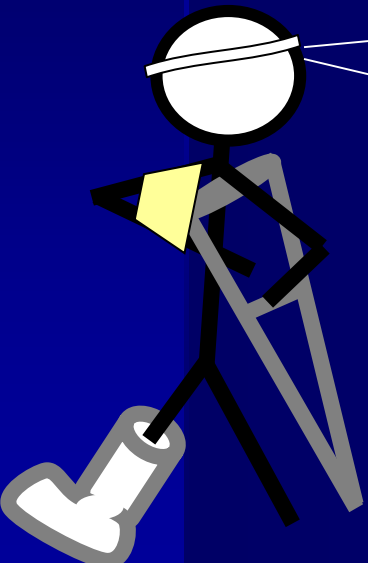
# The Way it Should Be



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**Man**

**God's intentions for:**



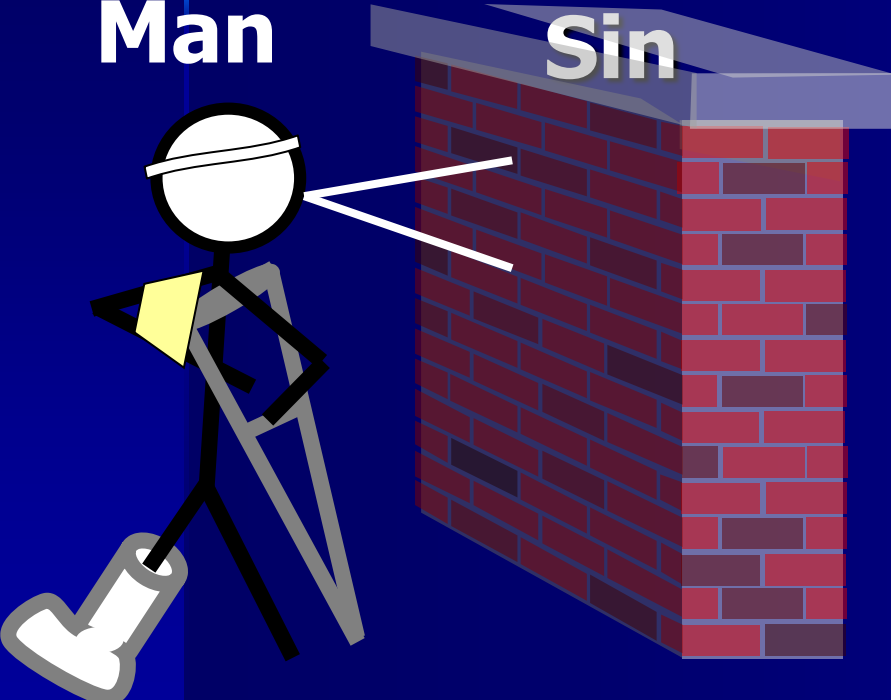
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# The Effect of Sin

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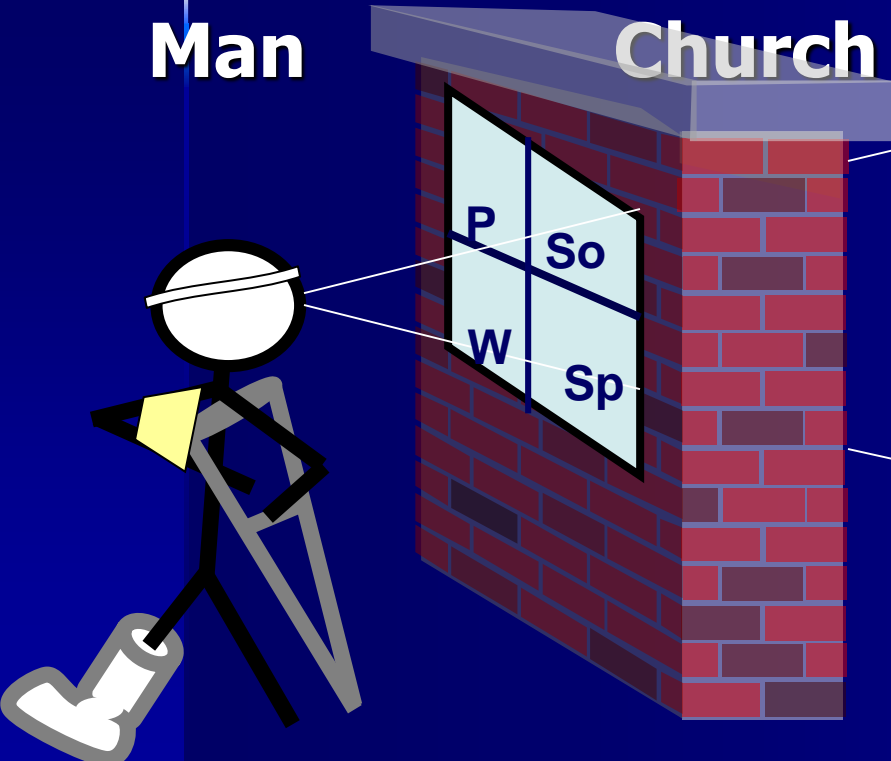


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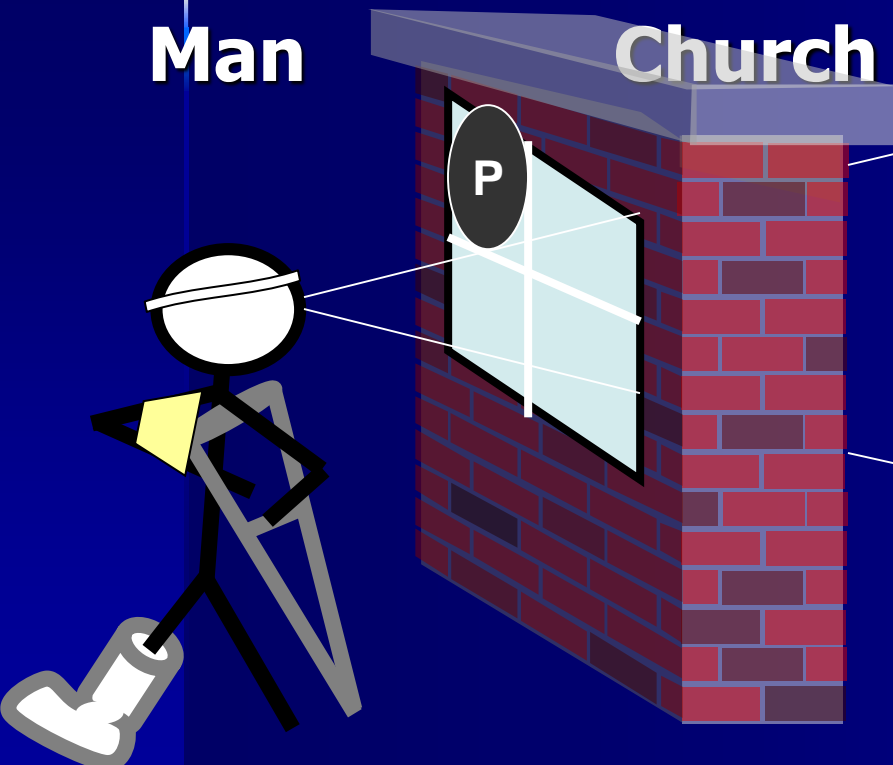
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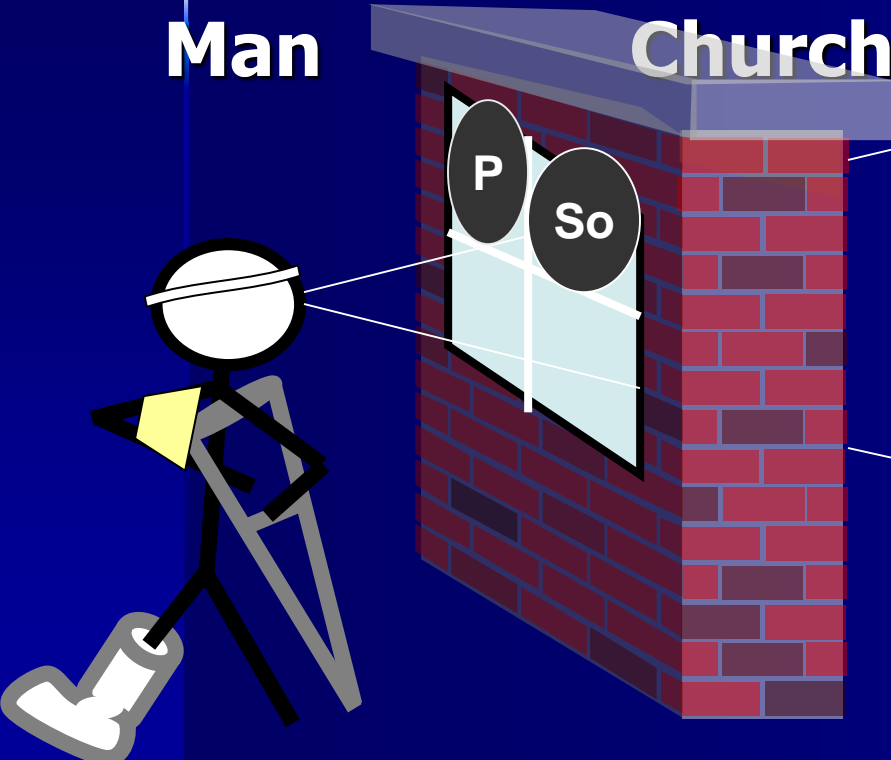
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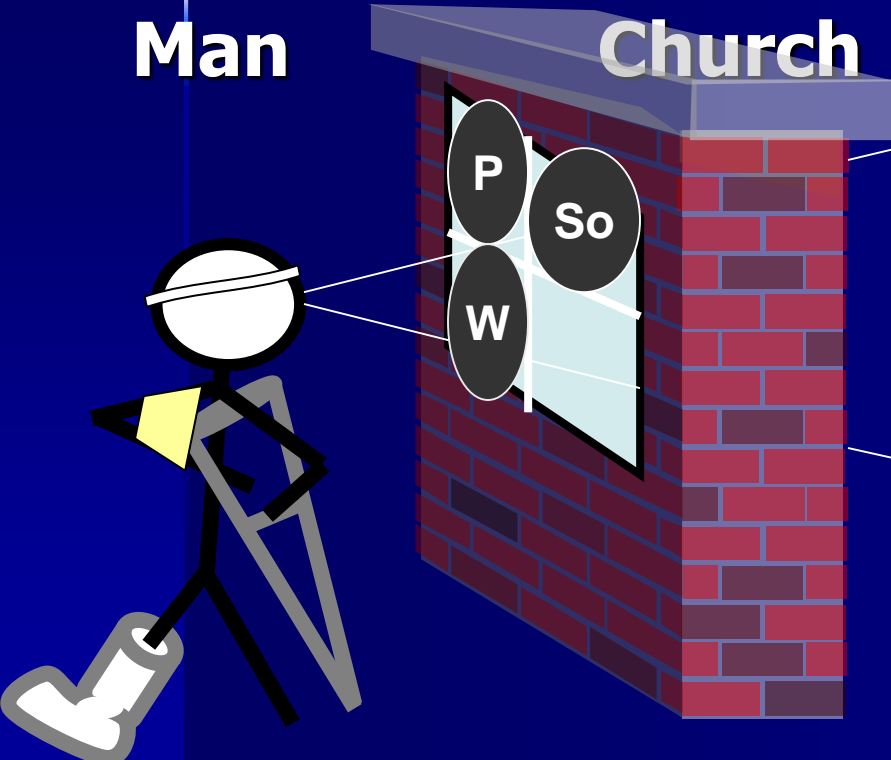
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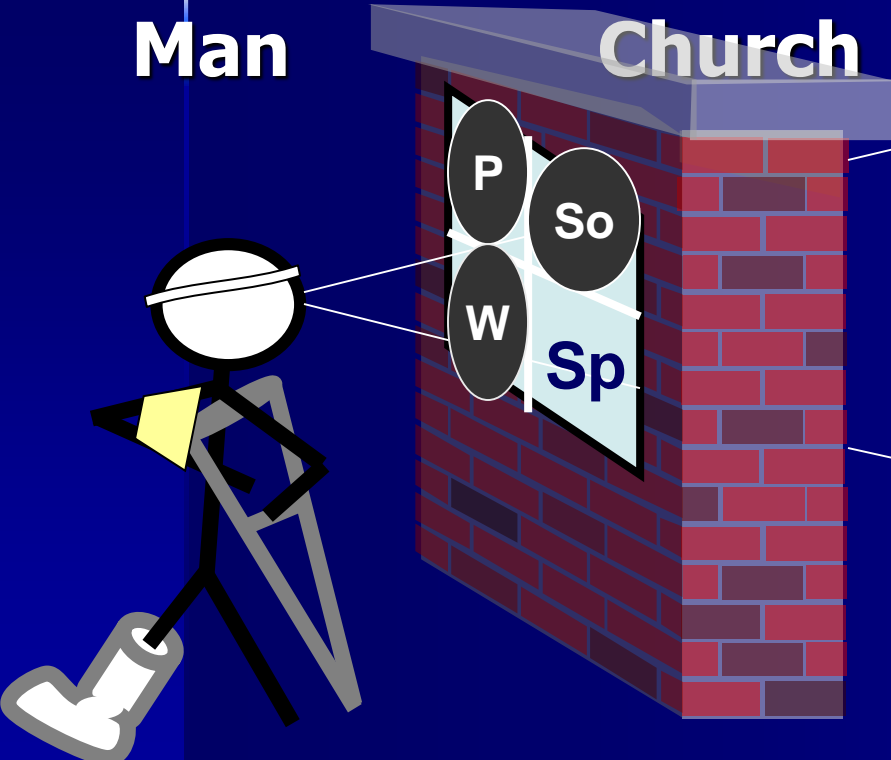
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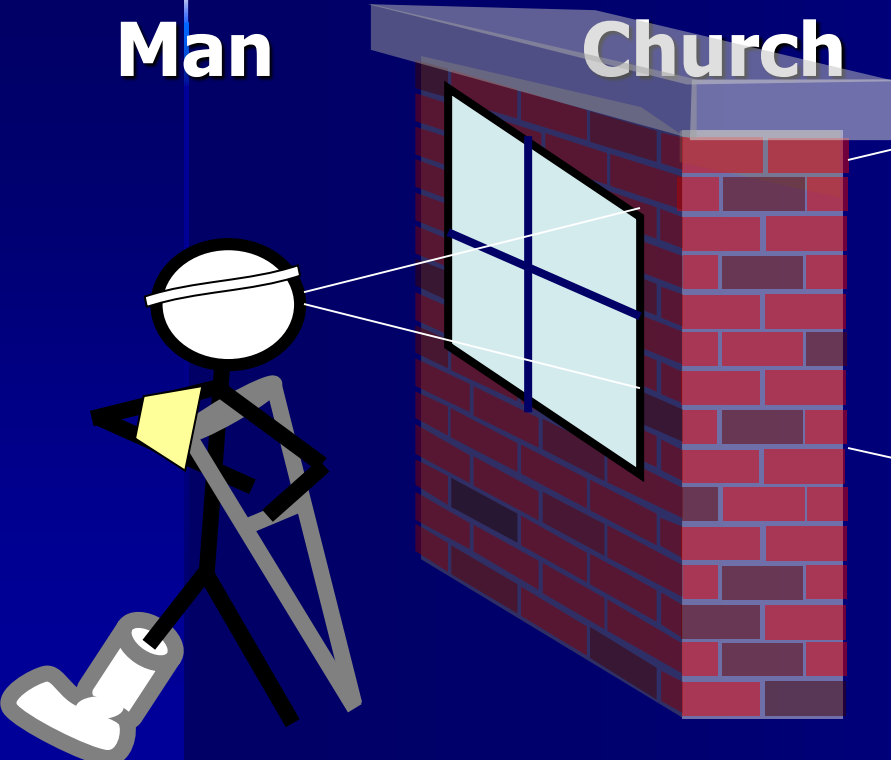
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- **Rom 8:19 – First taste of something delicious** (Also James 1:18)

# Application

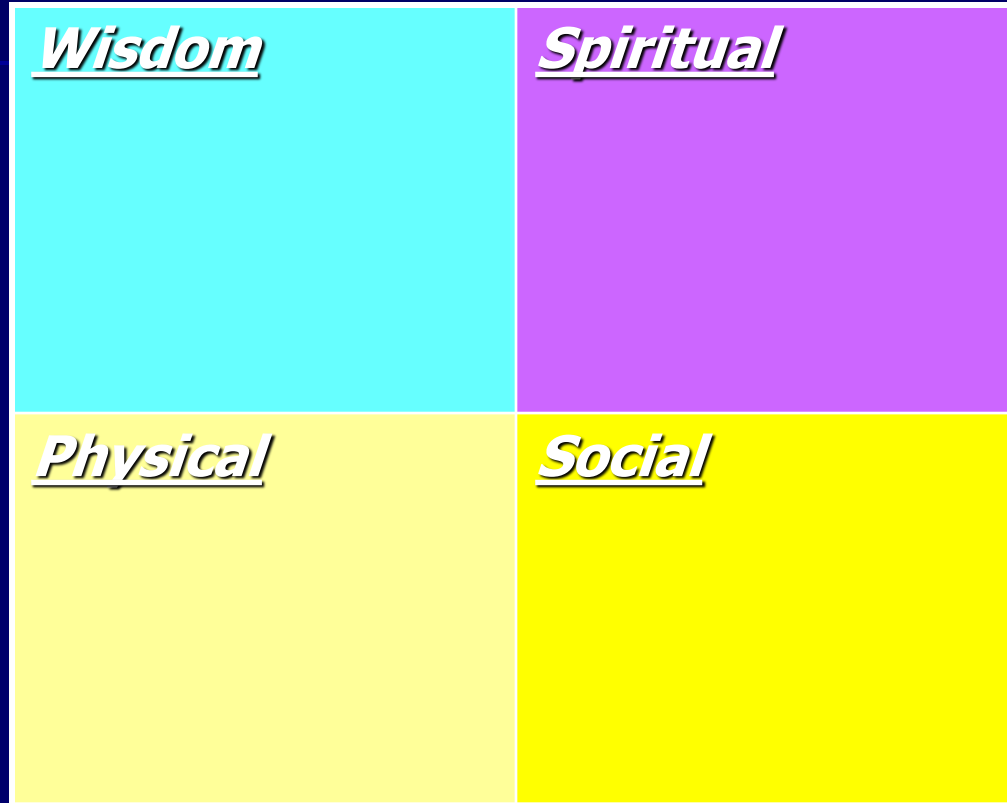
## Reflection

Draw a window with four sections on a sheet of paper and label each section with one of the four areas of Luke 2:52.



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# Example



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List at least 2 new activities in each of the 4 areas that your church could do to demonstrate God's present intentions to the people of your community.



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**Pray together that God would help you be a catalyst in your church to be more holistic in its witness.**

# Application



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**Meet with one or more leaders of your local church and show them your list and discuss the feasibility of your ideas.**



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# Review

- What is the difference between the future and present Good News of the Gospel?
- Why is the present Good News of the Gospel important?
- How is the Good News of the present seen and understood?
- What are some pictures, or metaphors, of the Church?
- Share one thing your local church could do in each of the four areas to be the present Good News of God's love?