

A Winning Life's Strategy **Romans 12:21**

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INTRODUCTION:

1. No one wants to "lose."
2. There can be more than one "winner."
3. All can achieve in God's world and Book

Genesis 1:28

4. Was Jesus *wrong* to say: **John 16:33**?

5. Unless we plan to "lose" or be "average,"

Jesus' Way is Right! **1 Corinthians 15:57**

DISCUSSION:

1. **DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL**

- a. Don't be one of "them" **v. 17**

- 1) averaging compromises
- 2) blurs distinction

- b. Consider the "possible" **v.18**

- 1) don't be a "defeatist"
- 2) Remember: **Matthew 5:9**

- c. Be a "passer-by" **v. 19**

- 1) **Acts 7:24**-Moses' in "hot water"
- 2) **Hebrews 10:30**-still holds
- 3) NO CHRISTIAN "JIHAD"

- d. Rise Above the Situation **v. 20**

- 1) No longer an enemy
- 2) Play to his/her conscience

2. **OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD**

- a. Distinction between the two **12:9**

- b. **Luke 6:27-28, 31**-Jesus' Way

- c. NOT WWJD, but What DID Jesus Do?

CONCLUSION:

1. Don't concentrate on the evil men do

Philippians 4:8

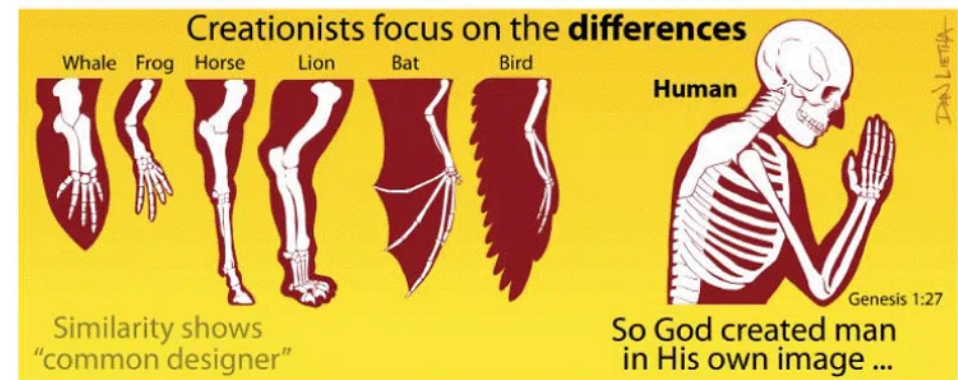
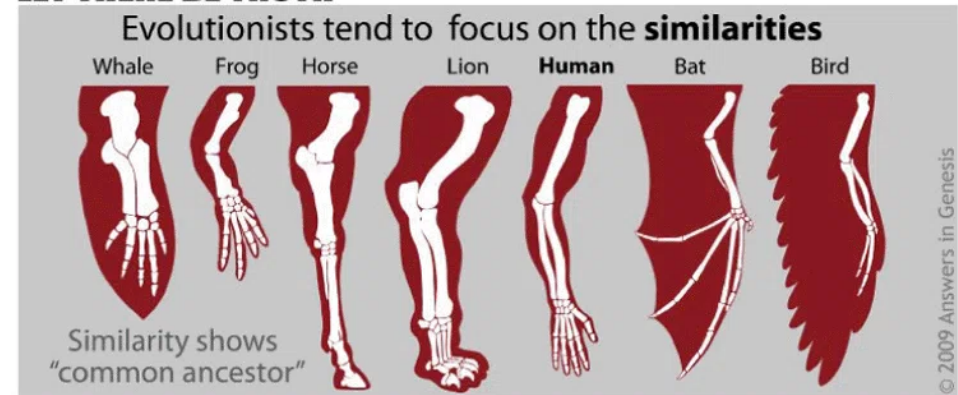
2. Don't give up because evil outnumbers us

2 Kings 6:15-19 (v. 17)

3. Don't think your sins too great to overcome **Acts 2:38**

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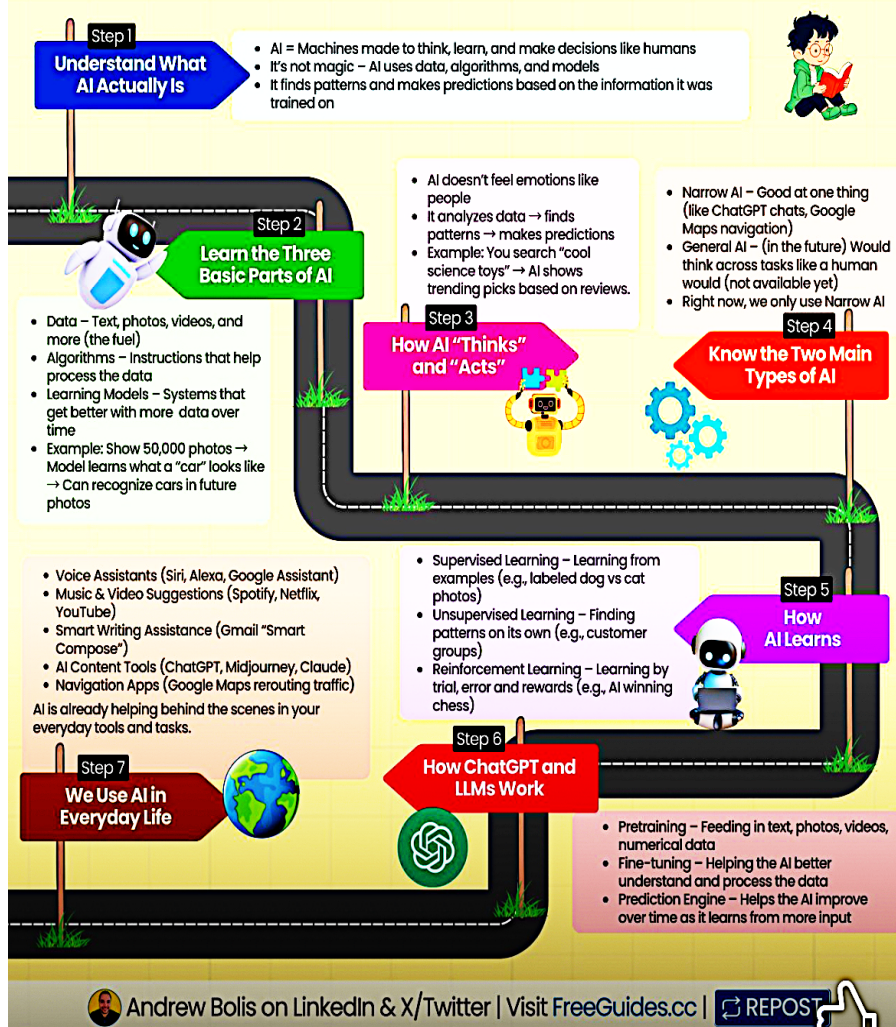
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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

- ~ An atheist is the fellow who shakes his fist and defies the God he claims doesn't exist.
- ~ *If you want to be present when the roll is called up yonder, shouldn't you be present when it is called down here?*
- ~ "Do not be afraid of moving slowly. Be afraid of standing still." — Chinese Proverb
- ~ *I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.*
- ~ Men do not usually reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them.

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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” (**Galatians 5:22-23**)

Learning How to Love from the Master

It has been said that you should never marry a tennis player, because to them love means nothing! Love is a powerful force and utilized correctly, love is not only something, it is everything. How can we learn to love in such a way so that it makes all the difference? The best way would be to follow the example of the master of love – God Himself. In 1 John 4:7-11, three powerful principles of love come forth from the nature and actions of God. Let's examine them.

True Love is Perfect. In 1 John 4:8, we see that “*God is love.*” God is not only the epitome of love, God is love – He is the totality of love. Because God is all love, He is then perfect in love. The word “perfect” biblically means “complete.” God is complete in His love. There is no area of His existence or activity that is void of love. True love is all-encompassing.

True Love is Performed. Words are easy to say, but actions speak louder than words. 1 John 4:9 states that “*the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.*” God's love was demonstrated through sacrifice of His Son on the cross for our sins. True love is always exhibited and there is even sacrifice made to display that love. True love is very giving. True love is always performed properly and for the benefit of the one loved.

True Love is Perpetual. Concerning God's love for us, 1 John 4:10 words it this way: “*In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*” The idea is that God will always love us no matter what. Nothing will change His love for us – it is always present and will never end. True love is ever existent and no circumstances can ever change that.

Now, here's the thing for us to note concerning these: We are to love others in this fashion. The passage begins this way: “*Beloved, let us love one another*” (1 John 4:7) and ends with these words: “*Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought to love one another*” (1 John 4:11). So let's learn to love like God – perpetually performing with perfection. Of course, this will take much practice – so let's get started now!

- Edd Sterchi