

Get Cookin'

"And they said one to another, Come, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Come, let us build us a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven, and let us make us a name; lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." -Genesis 11:3-4

Let's Eat!

Man: Master of His Universe

Man's first sin was a result of his desire to be like God (Genesis 3:5). He has since continued to strive to elevate himself, striving in vain to rebuild the paradise that was lost when he was banned from the Garden of Eden. Moreover, rather than submitting to the will of God in humble obedience, man's pride drove him to continued disobedience, seeking to become master of his own universe. Not long after God flooded the entire world, destroying all men but Noah and his family, man's sinful nature became apparent yet again. He began building a tower that would extend into heaven... just as in the Garden, man tried to position himself at God's level (or perhaps tried to bring God down to his level).

As shown early on by the incident at Babel, mankind has habitually used his technological advancements to try to establish a dominion for himself on this earth rather than recognizing God's authority over His creation. Whether making bricks (as they did at Babel) or nuclear weapons (as we do today), mankind continually struggles for power and dominion over this earth. God has provided us with intelligent minds that are capable of amazing creativity, but we ought to use those gifts being mindful of their Source. God desires that His creation glorify Him, and that our talents and abilities reflect His greatness. As Christians we must be careful to give God the credit for all He has done for us and through us, rather than foolishly glorifying ourselves in His place. Let us not forget that He is God... and we are not.



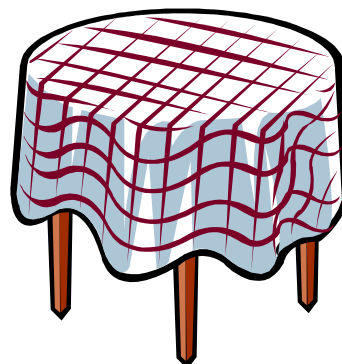
The Main Dish:



While sinful man is naturally driven by pride to glorify himself, it is God's desire that we use our abilities to show the world His greatness rather than our own.

Table Talk

- In what ways does our modern society glorify itself over God?
- Is technology inherently bad? When can the use and development of technology become a bad thing?
(possible examples: cloning, abortive birth control methods, stem cell research)
- Do you hesitate to let God rule over your life? In what areas of your life are you hesitant or unwilling to let Him be in control?



Read
Genesis 11:1-9

Memory Verse
Proverbs 16:18