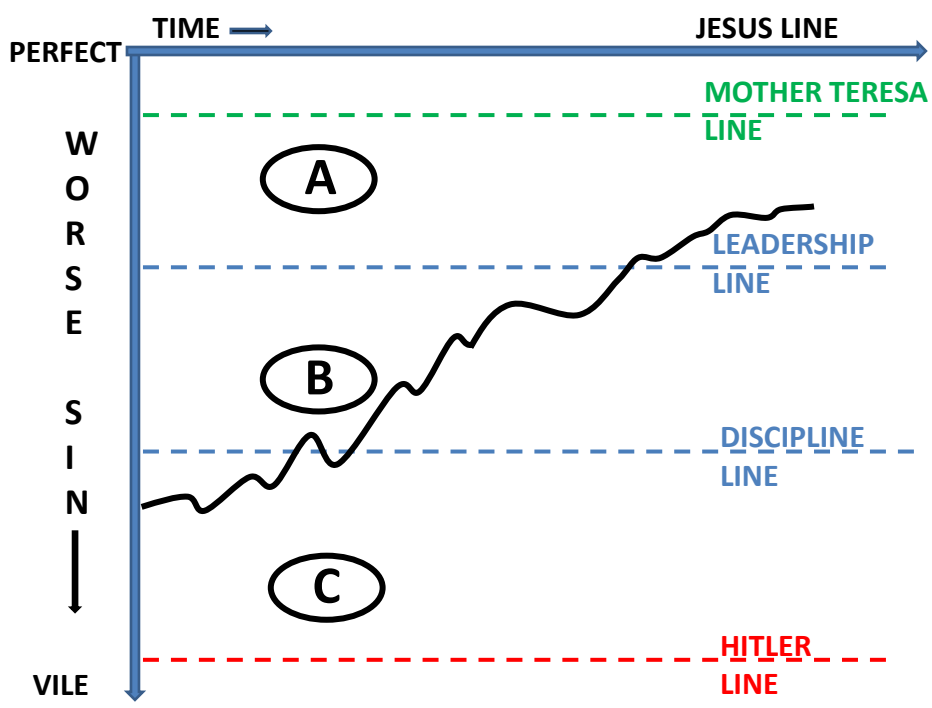
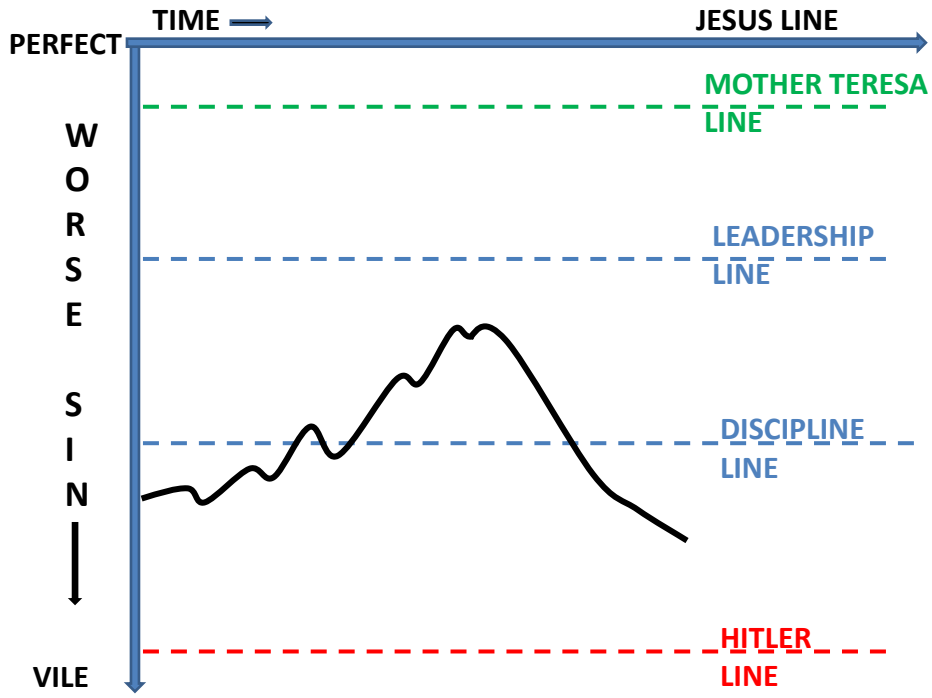


God's Answers in Romans: Why The Glory of God?

1. Read Romans 16:17-27.
2. Was there anything in the sermon that concerned you, helped you or confused you?
3. Read Proverbs 19:11, 1 Peter 4:8, Matthew 18:15-35, Matthew 6:12-15 and 1 Corinthians 5:1-13, 2 Corinthians 2:5-11, James 1:26 and James 4:11. When someone sins against you, according to the Bible, how should you respond? According to the Bible, how should you not respond.
4. Reread Romans 16:18. Badmouthing is saying something negative about someone who is not present. What are some of the things that motivate us to badmouth someone? What motivates us to listen to badmouthing? How do we feel when we find out someone has been badmouthing us?
5. Have you ever been in a church where there was a lot of division? Without going into the details, can you share how the situation made you feel?
6. Biblically, can you defend the statement: "Some sins are more heinous than others."
7. What practical steps might help you diminish the amount of negative things you say about people in their absence? Do you think it would please God for you to take those steps? Would you like for us to ask you how it is going next time we meet?
8. Is there someone close to you that perhaps you criticize or correct too often? Do you think you might want to try the spiritual discipline of silence and avoid mentioning the things they do that you do not appreciate? You could also try serving them secretly by doing things you expected them to do for them.
9. Piecing together the clues from 2 Corinthians, it appears that the false apostles who arrived in Corinth were the kind of leaders the Greco-Roman culture admired, whereas Paul was considered timid when present and a lousy preacher. Summarize your understanding of the difference between what the world often wants in a leader and what the Bible tells us a leader should strive to be.
10. How can we pray for you?

Supplemental materials:



TYPES OF THEOLOGICAL BELIEFS

