

Kindness and Generosity

Proverbs 3:3; 14:31; 19:17, 22; 20:6; 21:13, 25–26

- Kindness and generosity reflect the heart of God.
- The Hebrew word that translates as kindness or “steadfast love” in these proverbs (*chesed*) is most often used of God’s love for His people.
- It is a uniquely biblical word used to describe an unconditional love that is wholly undeserved.
- It is most often used of God’s steadfast love for His people because He continued to love them, forgive them, and welcome them back into covenant relationship with Him.

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- *Chesed* can also be translated “mercy” or “lovingkindness.”
- This is a word Bible translators had to make up because they could not find an English word that contained all that *chesed* is.
- This is the love God has for His people, and it’s the same love we should have for one another as well as our enemies.
- In fact, the greatest ways to exemplify the nature of *chesed* is to show love to our enemies (who don’t “deserve” our love) and kindness to the poor (who cannot pay us back).

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- Because it is such a defining part of God's character, steadfast love should be a defining characteristic of each individual believer as well as a defining characteristic of the body of Christ.
- Our churches should be known for our radical, selfless, unconditional love for one another, the poor, and our enemies.
- After Jesus gave the disciples a tangible illustration of this kind of love by washing their feet, He said the world would know we were His followers by our radical selfless, humble, generous love (John 13:35).

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- Solomon tells us that many people claim to have steadfast love for others, but it's difficult to find people who truly love others this way (20:6).
- Unfortunately, the impression many unbelievers have of the Church is not one of generous steadfast love and kindness.
- Research from the Barna Group has found that most other Americans think Christians do not reflect the kind of love Jesus showed for others.
- They describe Christians as hypocritical, insensitive, and judgmental.

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- Solomon said to bind love and faithfulness around our neck and write them on the tablet of our hearts (3:3).
- This is covenant language, exactly what the Law told God's people to do with His law (Deuteronomy 6:4–9; Jeremiah 31:33).
- As Jesus said, the whole of the Law and the Prophets can be summed up in this: love God and love others the way He has loved us (Matthew 22:37–40).

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- Proverbs tells us that oppressing the poor shows contempt for God while being kind to the needy honors Him (14:31).
- If you really love God, you will love all who are created in His image the way He does. Not loving others shows that you really don't love God, no matter what you say with your lips (1 John 4:19–21).
- Matthew 5:16 describes good works this way, “let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

11:24–25; 14:21; 19:17; 22:8–9; 25:21–22; 28:27

- Generosity to those in need is not only right, it will also lead to blessing.
- In the Jewish faith, kindness and generosity to the poor and anyone in need for any reason has been come to be known as *chesed* because it reflects the kind of unconditional, generous love God has for us. *Chesed* is Judaism's primary virtue, and acts of *chesed* are a *mitzvah* – literally a “commandment.”
- The word *mitzvah* can refer to the 613 commandments in the Law, but because *chesed* is so central to the purpose of God's law, any act of kindness done in honor of God is a *mitzvah*.

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- Rabbinical writings argue that acts of *chesed* are the foundation stone and pillar of the universe.
- Without justice, kindness, compassion and steadfast love, humanity cannot exist.
- These acts of lovingkindness are not just nice things to do, they are required by Jewish ethical law.

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- The New Testament wisdom book, James, says caring for those in need and keeping oneself unstained by the world is true religion (James 1:27).
- Paul tells us that true generosity comes out of a cheerful heart, not compulsion or guilt (2 Corinthians 9:6–7).
- Paul wrote to the Corinthians in awe at the Christlike love of the Macedonian Christians, who considered it a privilege to give generously to those in need in Jerusalem even though they were poor themselves (2 Corinthians 8).
- Proverbs says the righteous will give generously without sparing (21:25–26).

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- Proverbs tells us that those who give generously will prosper (11:24–25). God will reward them for their generosity (19:17).
- This does not necessarily refer to a financial investment but blessing in God's economy.
- In the world, you have to accumulate money to be rich, but in God's kingdom, the way to become rich is to give it away.
- Acts 20:35 - "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Proverbs 11:16–17; 16:6; 20:28; 21:21; 31:20

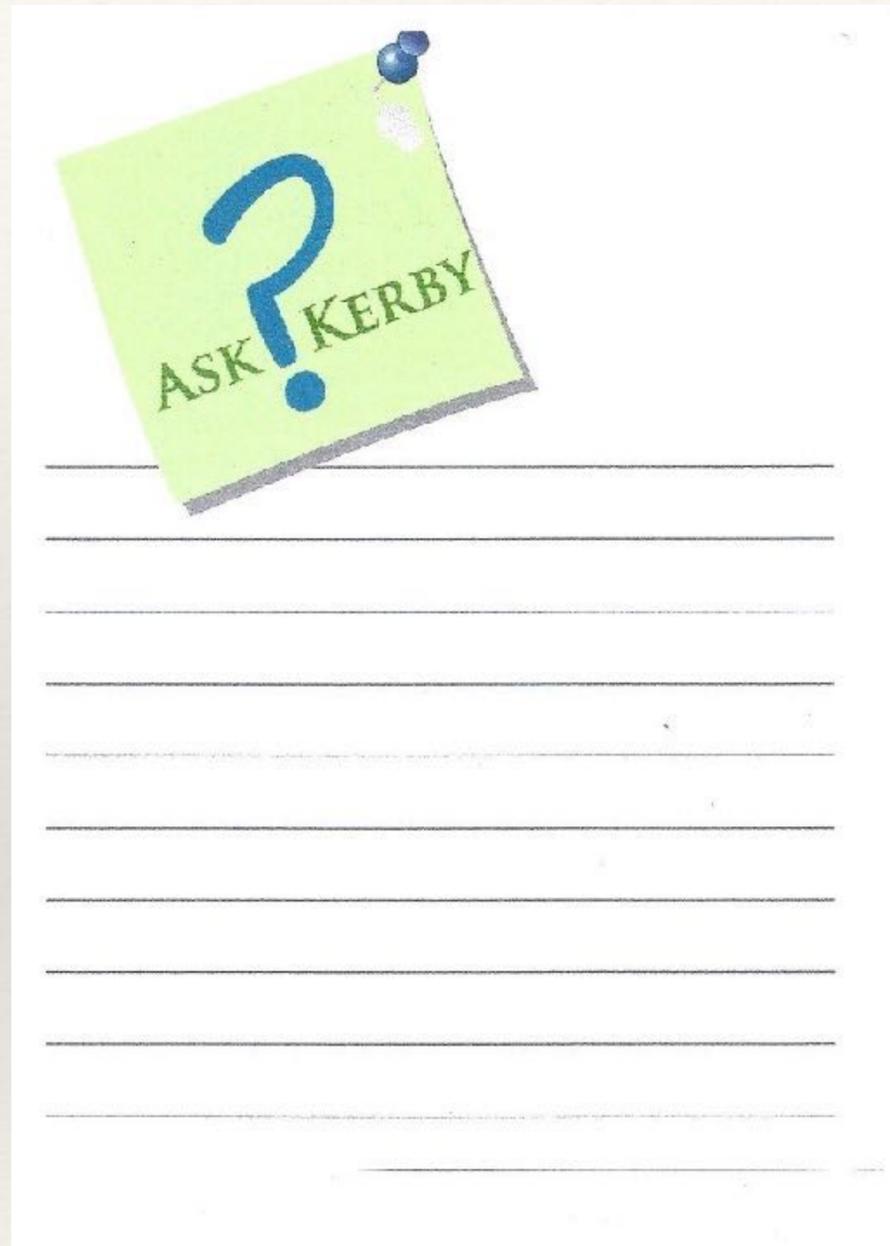
- Kindness, steadfast love, and generosity bring honor to you.
- Some people argue that kindness is a weakness, “nice guys finish last.”
- But even if your kindness and generosity mean you aren’t the wealthiest or most powerful person in the world, it usually means people respect you.
- Kind, generous, loving people usually “gain honor.”
- They have a good reputation, and people love and respect them (21:21).

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- Many people believe that having people think highly of you is even more important than success, wealth, fame or power.
- Solomon said ruthless people will only gain wealth, but kindhearted people gain honor (11:16). The “only” makes it clear which one he thinks is more important.
- The most effective leaders, even business leaders, lead with humility and care for their people with servant leadership. Proverbs tells us it is *chesed* that upholds the throne and preserves the king (20:28).

Proverbs 11:16–17; 16:6; 20:28; 21:21; 31:20

- This is a reference to what God said about why His kings were to be different from the kings of this world.
- Instead of using their people for their own gain, they were to serve the people and do what was best for them.
- Their leadership role was not about themselves and their own power; they were to lead as a representative of God, the true king (Deuteronomy 17:14–20).
- Proverbs makes it clear that honor comes from character, not worldly gain.



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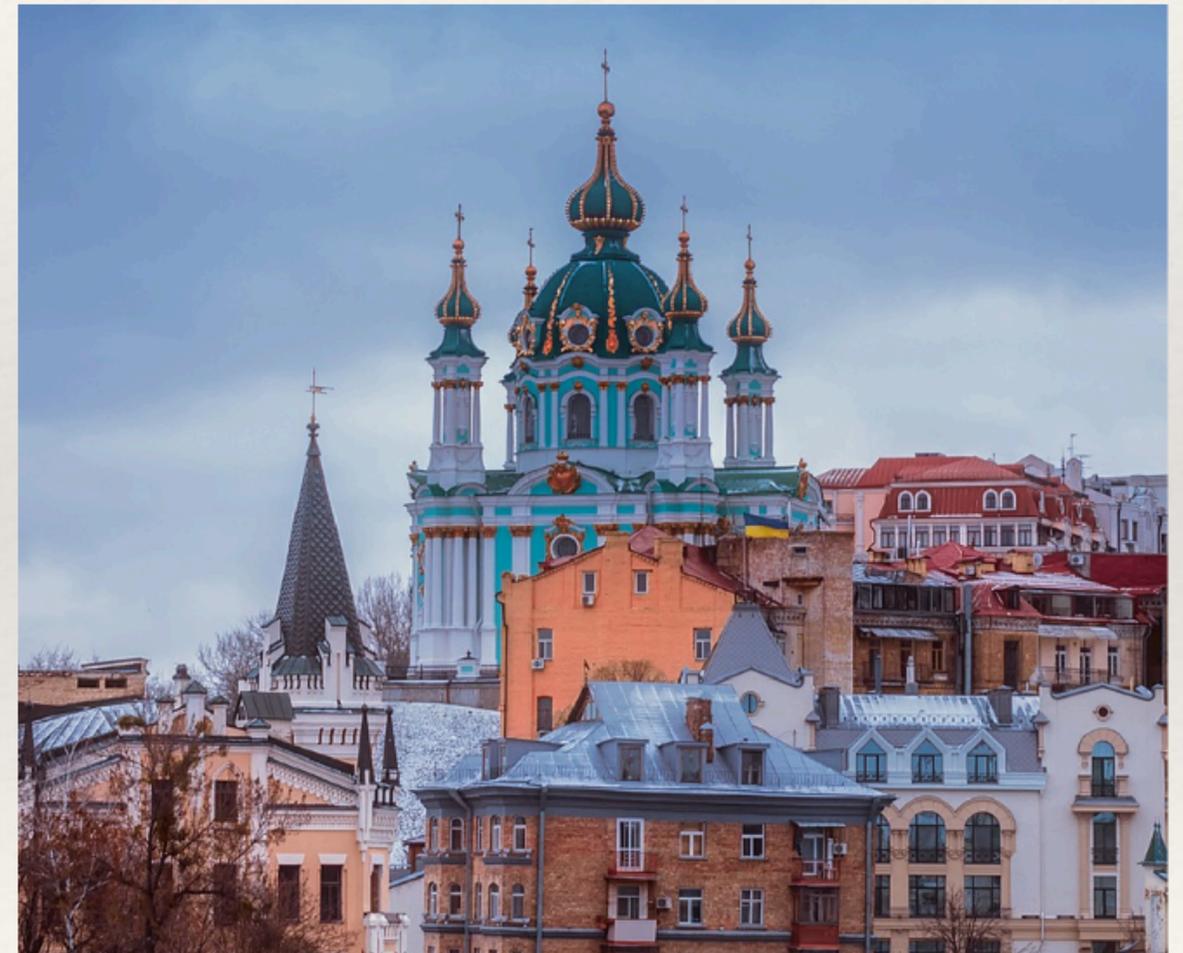


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61,738
Indicated Decisions

Time Period:
February 24** - April 11

*One dot can represent more than one decision in the area
**Start of the war



What should we think about the new technology (digital id, microchip) we see starting in Europe and also the virtual world being developed.

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CITIZEN WALLET: THE PLATFORM THAT REWARDS YOU

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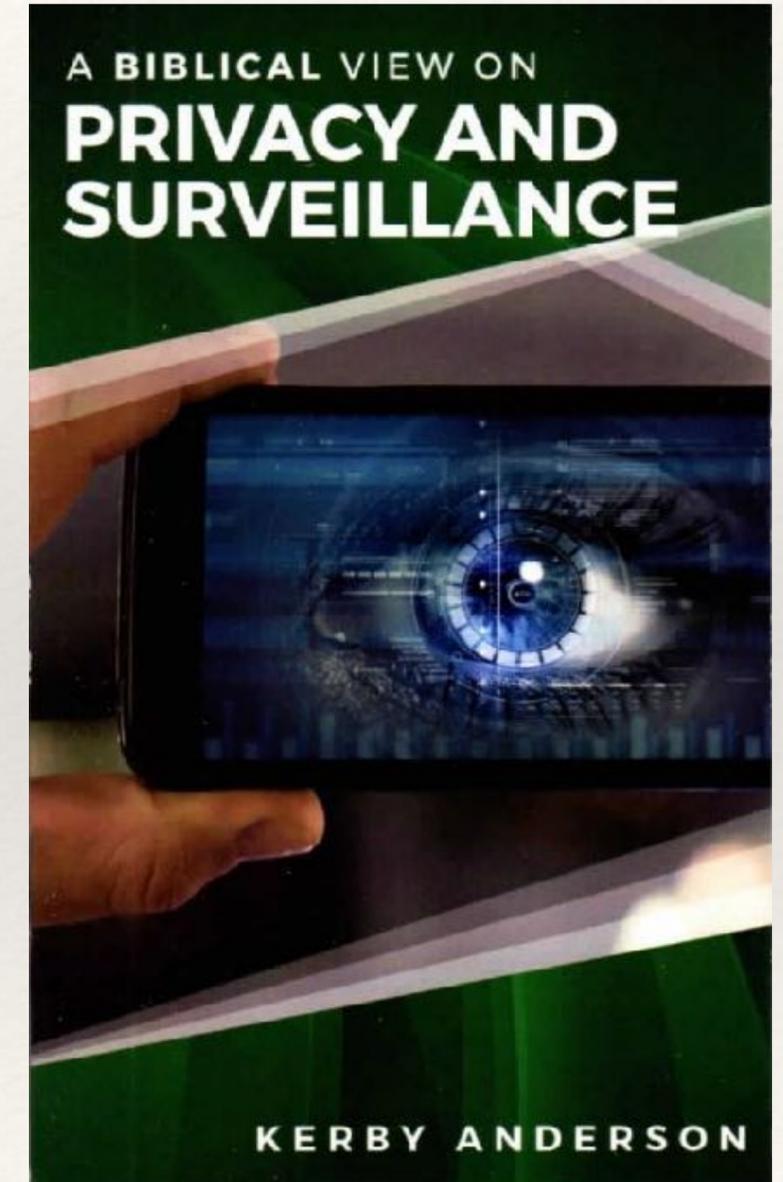


Citizen Wallet: the citizen reward platform

The Citizen Wallet is a rewarding platform that encourages virtuous behaviors implemented environmental, social and economic sustainability of the city, in line with the objectives of the system allows the virtuous citizen to obtain points that will later be converted into rewards (Roma Capitale and its partners (Affiliated Companies and individuals with whom agreements experimental platform, to be published in open beta mode. The "electronic purse" (wallet) will My Rhome through the credentials of the Public Digital Identity System (SPID), of the Card E (CNS). Citizens, commuters, students or tourists who choose to join the Citizen Wallet, after credited starting from 72 hours after the implementation of the so-called "eco-compatible" (

In this initial phase, Roma Capitale has identified two types of virtuous behaviors that allow rewards:

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*~Christine Lagarde,
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The US president has been advised to consider putting in place a nationwide digital identity framework -- one of four proposed measures for the upcoming executive order on identity theft.

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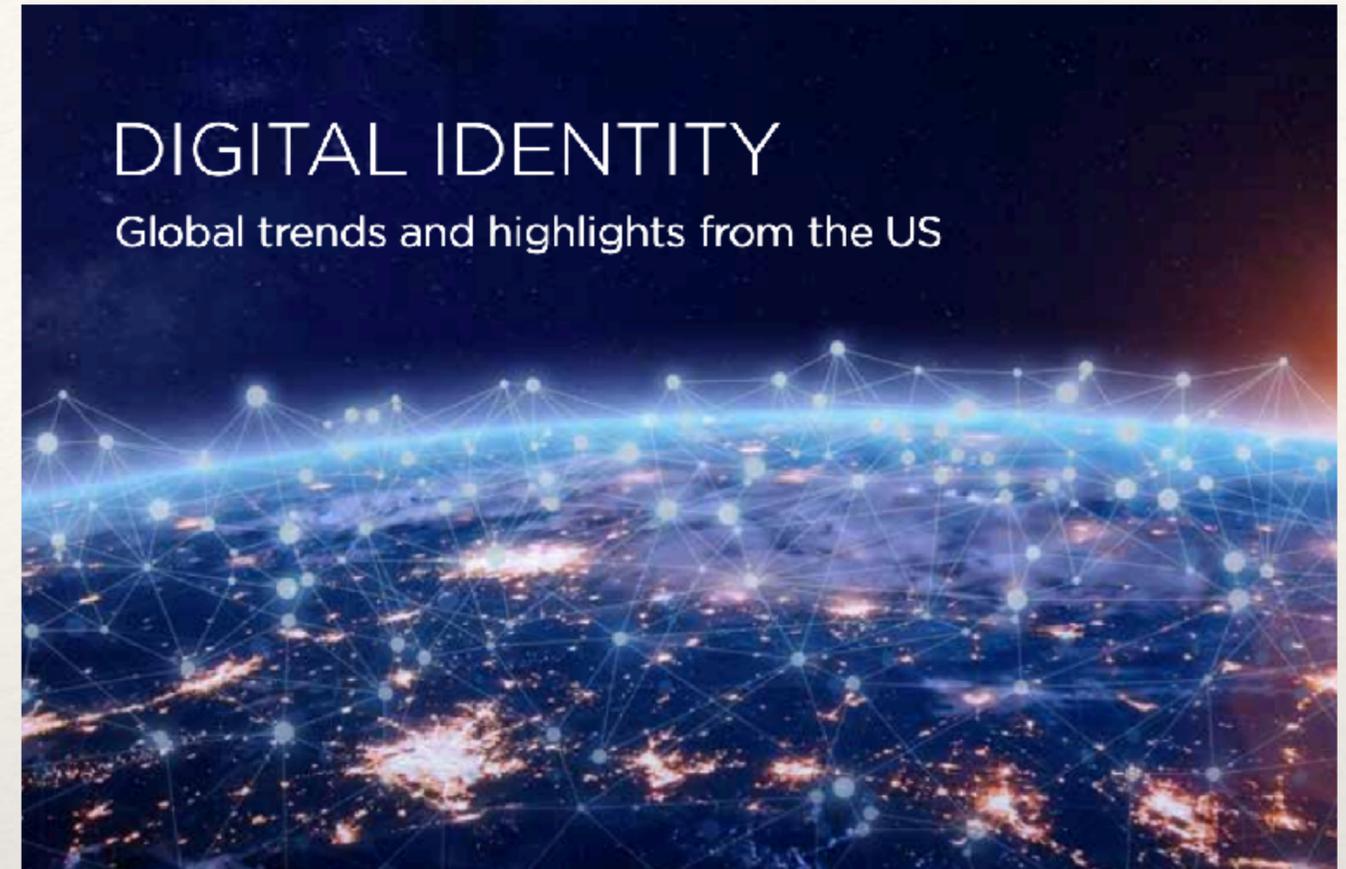
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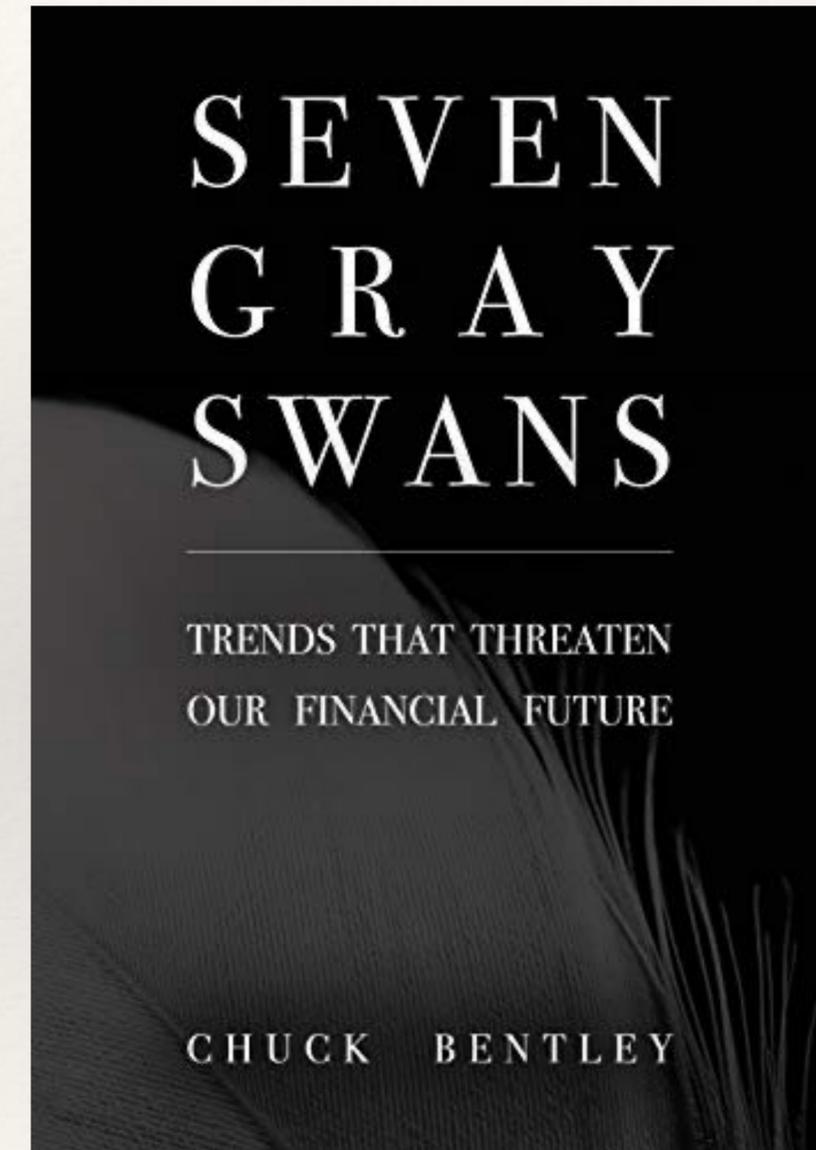
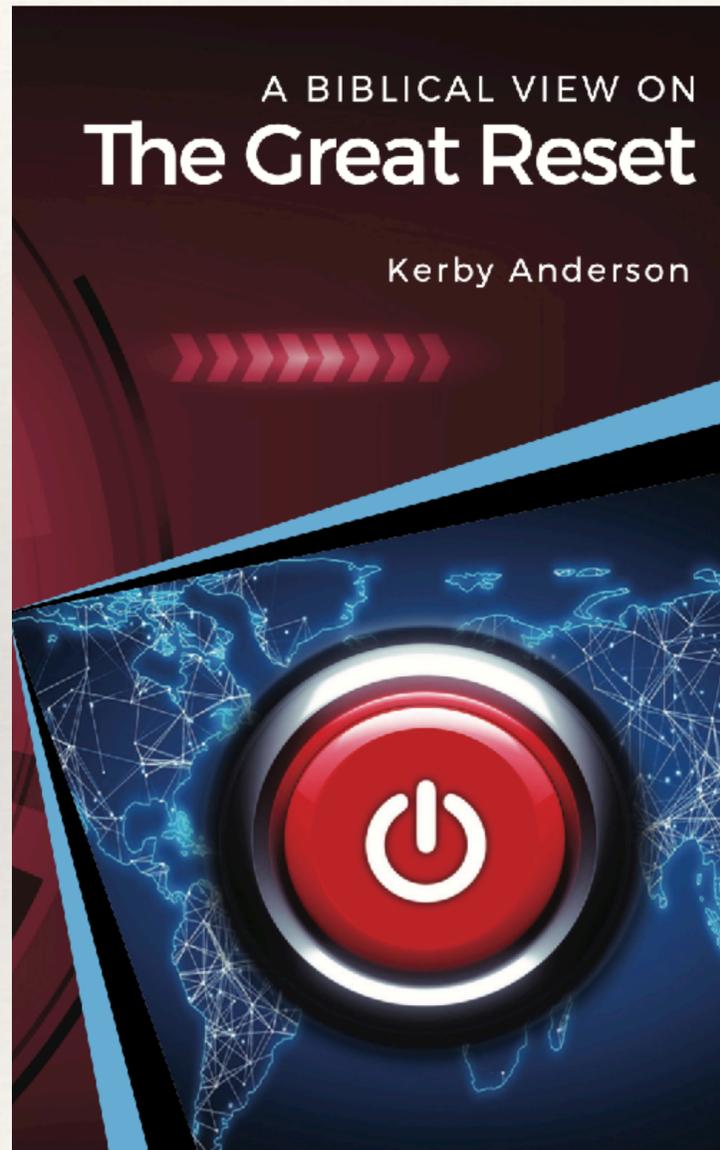
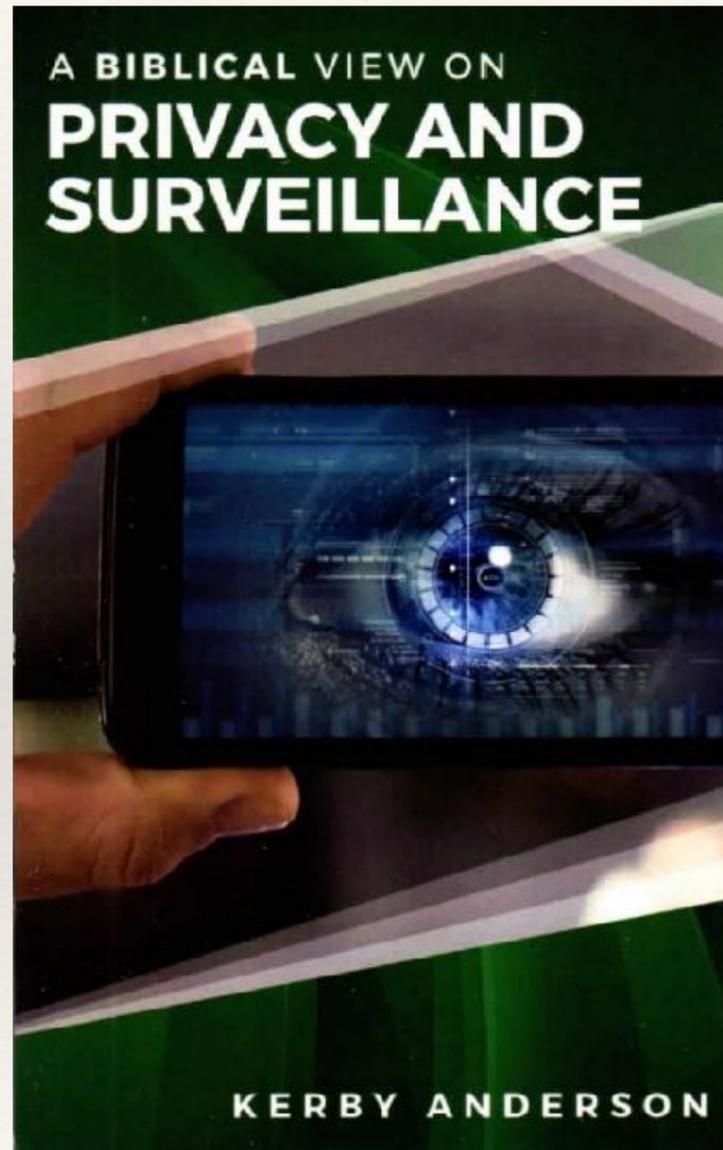
New US digital identity legislation promises more secure verification

COVID-19 has exposed the US's lack of a comprehensive digital identity strategy. If passed, the Improving Digital Identity Act of 2020 will address this need through engagement among federal, state and local governments.

Biblical Perspective

- On the one hand, we should support efforts by our government to make our society safer (Romans 13:1-7). On the other hand, we should also work to prevent unwarranted intrusions into our privacy and any violation of our constitutional liberties.
- We should be concerned about the centralization of power (Romans 3:23) and the centralization of information (Revelation 13:16-17).
- We should evaluate the leaders we elect to office (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- We should live our lives above reproach (Philippians 2:14-15).

Resources



Next Week - Ask Kerby Questions

