If you “Act Naturally” in an Artificial Environment, It could Destroy You
“Acting Naturally” in an Artificial Environment

• Daisy
Our Taste Receptors

- Sweet
- Salty
- Savory
- Sour
- Bitter
Salt and Sweet are Good

Luke 14:34 (NKJV) — “Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?

Proverbs 24:13 (NKJV) — My son, eat honey because it is good, And the honeycomb which is sweet to your taste;
What is Sweeter than Honey?

- **Sugar (sucrose)** - 1
- **Honey (fructose)** – 1.15-1.75
- Cyclamate - 30
- Aspartame (Nutrasweet, Equal) - 200
- Saccharin - 300
- Sucralose (Splenda) - 650
- Alitame - 2,000
- Thaumatin - 3,000
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Pornography – the Human Pheromone Trap

• It’s everywhere
• It’s cheap or free
• It’s socially acceptable
• It provides sexual pleasure while making minimum demands
Pornography – The Consequences

• Objectification of women
• Difficulty forming relationships
• Unrealistic expectations
• Lack of confidence
• Performance problems
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• Test Rats
Problems with Digital Entertainment

• Loss of interest in real world
• Social connections limited to those with similar digital obsessions
• Neglect of real life responsibilities
• Game Transfer Phenomena, in which the boundaries between reality and the game begin to blur
• Sometimes people die
Life Lessons

• We are not in a natural environment
• Many aspects of our lives are designed by people who are trying to feed our appetites not for our good, but for theirs
• In order to avoid becoming slaves to our appetites, we must consciously place and enforce limits on them
Spiritual Lessons

• Our appetites will keep us from pleasing and obeying God
Romans 8:7 (ESV) — 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot.
Luke 9:23 (ESV) — 23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.
Spiritual Lessons

• Our appetites will keep us from pleasing and obeying God
• We must prioritize the spirit over the flesh
Galatians 5:16–17;24 (ESV) — 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ... 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
Romans 6:16–18 (ESV) — 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.
1 Corinthians 9:27 (ESV) — 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.
Spiritual Lessons

• Our appetites will keep us from pleasing and obeying God
• We must prioritize the spirit over the flesh
• God will help us in this battle
Titus 3:3–7 (ESV) — 3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
Philippians 3:18–21 (ESV) —For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.