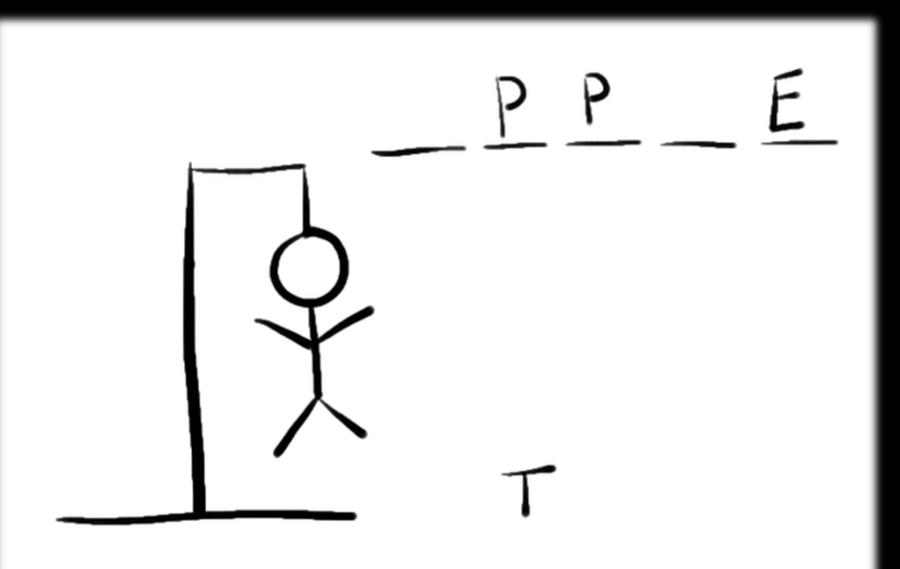
### New Life





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18. Flared fashion

20. Woes

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23. Lesser cinematic fare

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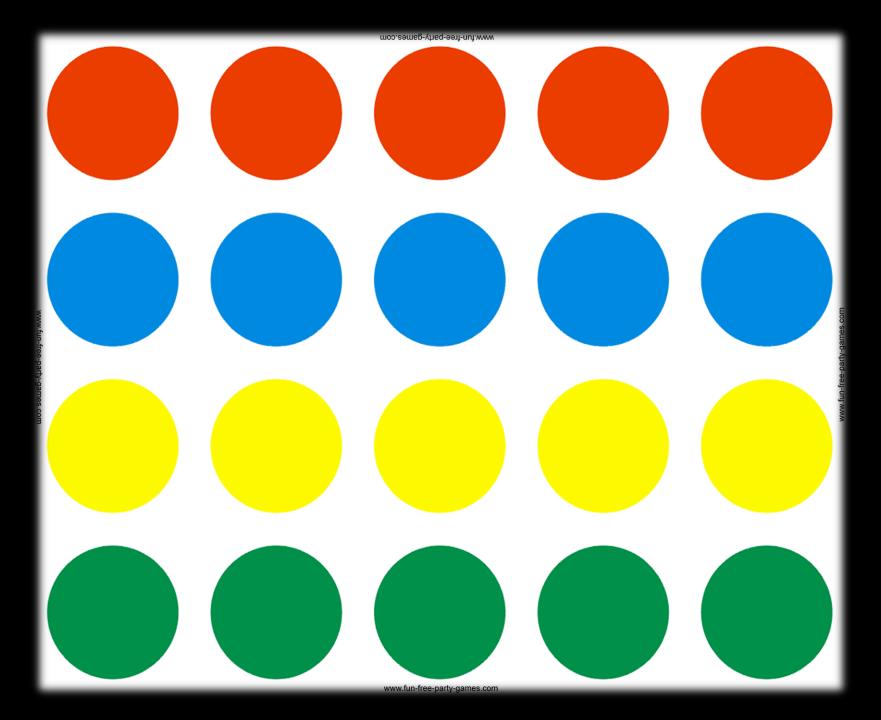














### Cheat: to break the rules to gain an unfair "advantage"

#### How do we play with a cheater?

- Cheat do not play by the rules
- Refuse to play
  - Continue to play according to the set guidelines

#### Life is a game that we are all in

### There are rules for playing the game

There are those that play outside the rules to gain an unfair "advantage"

### Winning matters

### Just crossing the finish line does not constitute a win

### Winning:

being who we are designed to be and living the life that we are called to live

### How do I play fair in a cheating world?

### I am not going to play

#1

#2

### I will play by the same "rules" they are playing by

### Cheating will steal your win

### Winning: being who we are designed to be and living the life that we are called to live

### #3 I will play by a set of rules that have been tested and proven

### Do we want to win or just cross the finish line first?

1 Peter 2 Vs 18 Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.

# If we are to play fair in a cheating world we have to know that

#1

### No earthly power is required

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1 Peter 2:13-14 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: king... governors...

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### The system cannot steal your win

### Vs 19 For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God

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#3

God is just and no injustice falls through the cracks

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### God is active in your game

Psalm 94 Vs 7-8 They say, "The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob pays no heed." Take heed, you senseless ones among the people; you fools, when will you become wise?

#### Vs 9-10

Does He who implanted the ear not hear? Does He who formed the eye not see? Does He who disciplines nations not punish? Does He who teaches man lack knowledge?

Vs 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

### Vs 21

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.

#### Vs 22-23a

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth."When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats.

#### Retaliate:

### to deliberately harm somebody in response for harm he or she has done

#### Threat:

the expression of an intention to cause harm or pain

Matthew 27:26 Then he (*Pilate*) released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed Him over to be crucified.

Matthew 26:67 Then they (*religious leaders*) spit in His face and struck Him with their fists. Others slapped Him

#### Luke 23:35a The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. Vs 36 The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar $V_S$ 39

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him...

# If we are to play fair in a cheating world we have to know that

#5

This game has been played and won without cheating Vs 23b Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.

# If we are to play fair in a cheating world we have to know that

#6

we can entrust ourselves to One who is in control #1 -No earthly power is required

- #2 -The system cannot steal your win
- #3 -God is just and no injustice falls through the cracks
- #4 -God is active in your game
- #5 -This game has been played and won without cheating
- #6 -We can entrust ourselves to the One who is in control