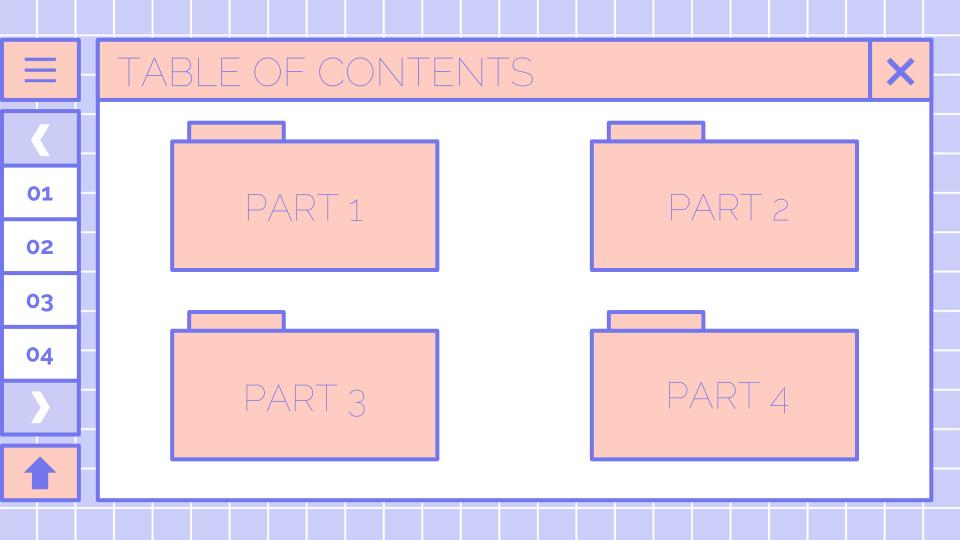
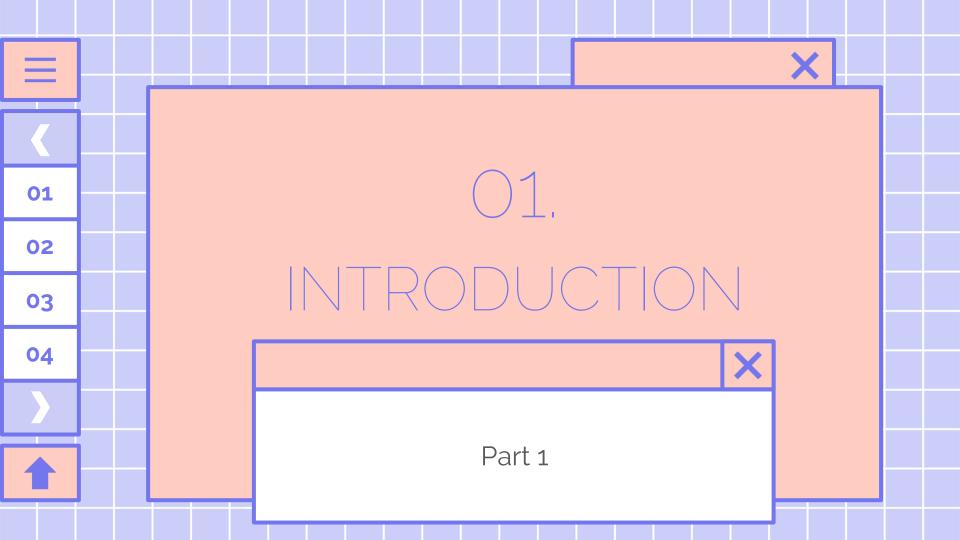
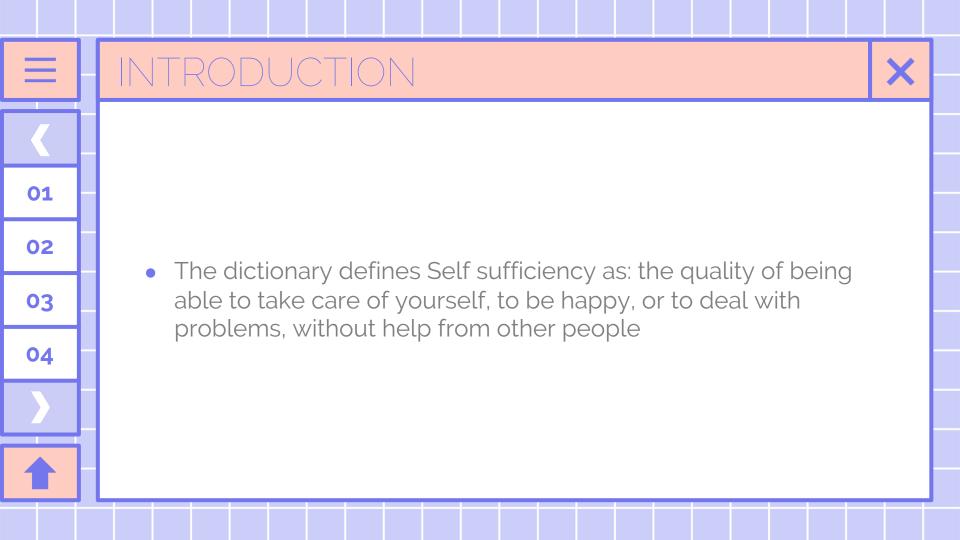
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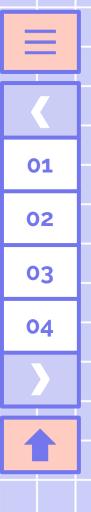
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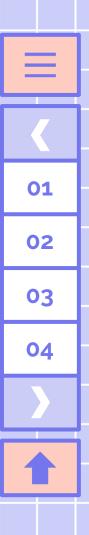




INTRODUCTION



- Many people become self sufficient due to many reasons such as:
 - Poor upbringing (i.e. neglectful parents)
 - Not wanting to burden their friends and family with their problems
 - The society and culture we currently live in
- We should understand that God provides our every need and we don't have to worry about anything



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- 2 Corinthians 3:5- "Not that we are sufficiently qualified in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency and qualifications come from God." (AMP)
- 2 Corinthians 3:5- "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;" (KJV)



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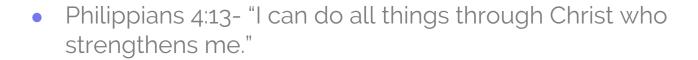
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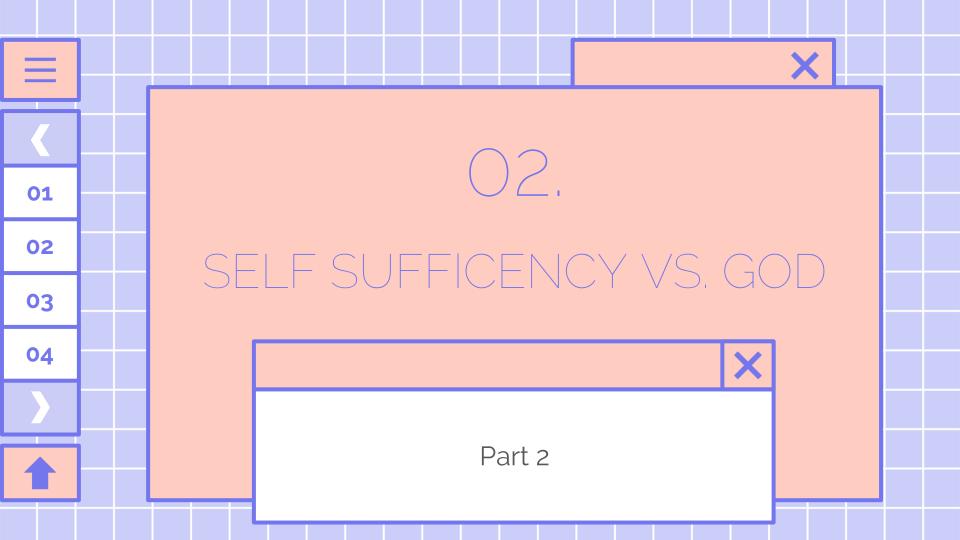
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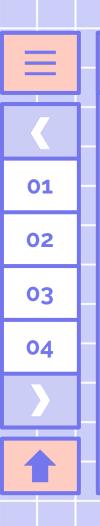
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- Proverbs 16:18- "Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall."
- Romans 2:3- "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith."

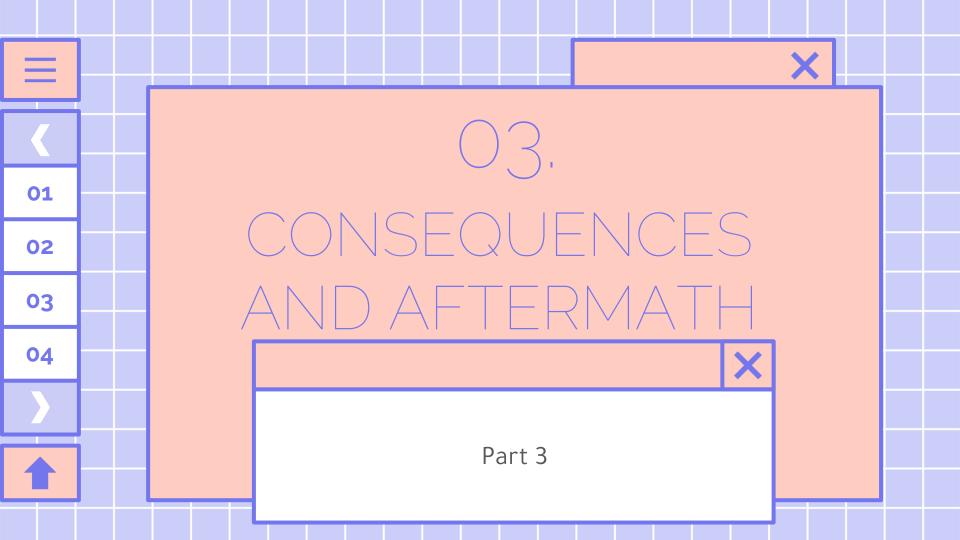


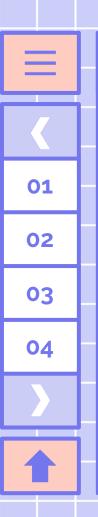


HOW SELF SUFFICENCY CAN AFFECT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



- Being self sufficient conflicts with God's plan and purpose for our lives
- It causes us to break one of the ten commandments
 - Exodus 20:4- "You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea
 - Since we believe that we can provide everything for ourselves by ourselves we start to value ourselves and our talents over everything else, including God
- It also leads us away from God because we believe that we don't need him now that we can "provide" for ourselves

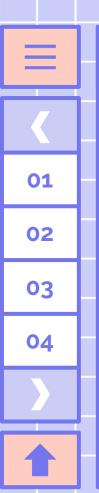




THE CONSEQUENCES OF SELF SUFFICIENCY



- Self sufficiency has many consequences such as:
 - Losing your personal relationship with God
 - Losing your talents and gifts from God
- In Isaiah 14:12-15 we see firsthand what trying to be self sufficient can do to you
 - For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation. On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.



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- We can also see the consequences in Luke 12: 16-21
 - Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. 17 He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' 18 Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. 19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!" 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' 21 "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."
- The rich man believed that he had amassed all this wealth by himself and never took the time to thank God who actually helped him



