SUNDAY MORNING (November 18th) • Counterfeit Gospels
The "Good Morals" Gospel

Be pleasant. Help others. Be polite. Don't lie. Don't cheat. Don't steal. Say you're sorry. Use your manners. Treat other people the way you would want to be treated.

The "good morals" gospel sounds a lot like the gentle admonitions of a grandmother. Millions believe that as long as they have some "good, clean morals," that's what matters in the eyes of God. The ultimate goal of religion? To promote moral, upright behavior. The ultimate purpose of the church? To function as a bastion of morality and encourage churchgoers to be hard workers and kind neighbors. All the while, subscribers to the "good morals" gospel can exhibit "good, clean morals" in the eyes of the secular society around them, yet never recognize their desperate need for a Savior.

In what ways do these characteristics and tendencies of the "good morals" gospel ultimately produce a counterfeit?

- "Getting right" with God without defining who God is –

- Thinking of God in human terms, almost like a doting grandparent –

- Treating the "good news" as good advice -

Why is the "good morals" gospel so attractive and, as a result, so popular?

If the "good morals" gospel is a counterfeit, does it need to be countered? If so, in what ways?