

What in the World is Worldliness?

**Resisting the Seduction of a
Fallen World**

1 John 2:15-17

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15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Introduction

Lots of misunderstanding about worldliness.

Most lessons only deal with some symptoms

Adultery, Fornication

Gambling, Immodest Dress

Drinking, Dancing, Smoking

Today – study the heart of the matter

Why be concerned?

Worldliness Destroys Souls

John 17:14 I am not of the world

Galatians 1:4 deliver us out of the present world

James 4:4 friend of the world is enemy of God

James 1:27 keep unspotted from the world

Romans 12:2 be not conformed to this world

2 Peter 1:4 corruption in the world by lust

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Worldliness is of the Devil

1 Peter 5:8 Satan is our adversary

Revelation 12:9 Deceiver of the whole world

1 Corinthians 4:4 Satan is the god of this world

James 4:7 Satan must be resisted

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Worldliness is not always evil

John 3:16 God loved the world

WORLD – used in 3 ways

Created world – John 21:25 world can't contain the books

World of souls – John 3:16 God loved the world

System of the world – 1 John 2:15 love not the world

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Love of the system (ways) of the world

1 John 2:16

Lust of the flesh

Lust of the eyes

Pride of life

Jesus

Stones to bread

See kingdoms

Jump down

Adam / Eve

Eat for food

Beautiful

Make me wise

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There are worldly Christians

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Colossians 3:2 set affections on things above

2 Timothy 4:10 Demas loved this present world

Philippians 3:18-20 they mind earthly things

Philippians 3:13-14 forgetting things behind

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Lust = desire for the forbidden

Not all desire = lust

How to overcome Worldliness

Victory is in Jesus

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things

Romans 8:31 we are more than conquerors

Romans 12:2 look unto Jesus



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Avoid Evil

1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from every form of evil.

1 John 5:4-5

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?