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Main Bible Text: [1 John 2:15-17](#)

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

I. Denunciation for loving the world

A. The Description of the World

A child of God has 3 great foes:

1. An external enemy = the world
2. An internal enemy = the flesh
3. The infernal enemy = the devil

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. ([John 15:18-19](#))

B. The Decision regarding the World

II. Devices of loving the World

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. ([1 John 2:16](#))

A. The lust of the flesh: INWARD TEMPTATION

B. The lust of the eyes: OUTWARD TEMPTATION

C. The pride of life: TEMPTATION OF THE EGO

III. Danger of loving the World

A. The world's price

B. The world's passing

Read: [1 John 2:17](#)

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But the things I have placed in God's hands – I still possess." – Martin Luther

IV. Defense of loving the World

A. Defense through prevention

The process of loving this world:

1. Friendship with the world
2. Is spotted by the world
3. Loving the world
4. Conform to the world

B. Defense through purification

How to overcome the world:

1. The assurance of our faith
2. The attention of the Holy Spirit
3. The appetite for the Word of God