

HOW TO
AVOID
WORLDLINESS
I JOHN
2:15-17

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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. 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. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

This morning we talked about keys to being “more than conquerors” and being able to overcome.

Tonight, lets talk about ways to overcome or avoid worldliness.

Do Not Be Conformed To The World.

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Conformed-- To form one's appearance, manners, ect., according to the prevailing standards.

In other words become like the world.

But we are not suppose to be like the world.

Instead we are to be transformed and become like
Christ.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Mathew 16:24

If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

Romans 6:13

Do not yield your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness.

I Peter 2:5

And like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.

Be Separated From Unclean Things

II Corinthians 6:17-18

Therefore “come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

This would include:

Sin

What sin?

I Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Colossians 3:5-9

Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to fornication, uncleanness, passions, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another seeing you have put off the old man with his deeds.

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousy, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murder, drunkenness, revelers, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Revelation 21:8

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murders, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

This also would include any appearance of evil.

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

Also worldly or evil people.

I Corinthians 15:33
Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

We are to keep ourselves unstained from the world.

James 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

James 4:4

Unfaithful creatures! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Galatians 5:17

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; these are in opposition to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Stay In The Light.

I John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses from all unrighteousness.

We must choose who we are going to follow.

Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters; for you will hate the one and love the other or you will be devoted to one and despise the other; you cannot serve God and mammon.

Joshua 24:15

And if you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Think On Pure Things

Philippians 4:8

Finally brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is anything worthy of praise think about these things.

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks in in his heart, so he is.

I Timothy 5:22

Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sin; keep yourself pure.

James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double minded.

Remember You Belong To Christ

Romans 7:2-4

For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

When we become Christians we no longer belong to ourselves.

I Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Romans 12:1

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We are the people of God.

I Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Now let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

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WHO BELONGS TO
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