

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

Genesis 3:6

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

1 Corinthians 7:31

31 those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

Mark 13:31

31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Matthew 6:19-21

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The World is an invisible spiritual system opposed to God and Christ. It is a set of ideas, people, activities, purposes, etc. Like the world of finances, politics, fashion, business or sports. The ruler of this world is Satan; called the prince of this world. The way the world does things and what it has to offer. Believers are not of this world.

Love Not The World

What does it mean to love the world?

- What we love we devote time, attention and expenses to.
- As a believer God is the one that we should devote our time, attention and expenses to first.
- This is how you know you love the world. When you love the things of the world more than you love God.
- Things of this world can offer convenience, comfort, status or even happiness. Better off, but not better.
- This is not to say we can't use and enjoy some of the things of the world. It depends on what priority it takes in our lives.
- We are to be in the world, but not of the world. Not a monk

The Lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and pride of life

- The world appeals to the normal appetites, and tempts us to satisfy them in forbidden ways.
- Hunger/gluttony, thirst/drunkenness, sleep/laziness, Sex/Sexual immorality
- Lust of the flesh
 - Appeal to our fallen nature hunger, thirst, sex
- Lust of the eyes
 - Pleasures that satisfy sight and mind
- Pride of Life
 - Superior attitude, impressing others, boasting

The World and its desires pass away

- What the world offers is temporary. All of this is one day going to burn
- Invest in that which last forever