

Don't Let This World Get the Best of You!

1 John 2:15-17

The Bible describes "the world" in three ways.

- _____ Earth – Genesis 1:31
- _____ on _____ – John 3:16
- Worldly _____ - 1 John 2:15-17

3 Constant Pressures from the World

1. Pressures of the world against your _____.
 - "Cravings of sinful man"
2. Pressures of the world against your _____.
 - "Lust of his eyes"
3. Pressures of the world against your _____.
 - "Boasting of what he has and does"

3 Easy Steps to Let This World Get the Best of You!

Step 1 – Do _____ with your body.

Step 2 – Don't _____ what you _____, _____ and _____.

Step 3 – _____ about your _____ and your _____.

Jesus said we are "_____".

John 17:14 – "I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world."

John 15:18-19 – "If the world hates you keep in mind that it hated me first...As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of this world."

Luke 12: 29-31 – "Do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well."

The world wants to get the _____ of you, Jesus wants to give you the _____ of this world.

Paul breaks it down very practically in Colossians 3 for new Christians.

V. 1-3 "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above not on earthly things."

V. 5 – 10 "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry... You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self..."

This _____ gets the best of us when we waste _____.

James 4:13-17 "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.' As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. Anyone then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."

Give _____ ALL you _____ IMMEDIATELY.