

## *Today's Culture: Living in the World. Not of the World*

*"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." – 2 John 2:16*

### **Three basic temptations:**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Four strategies on how to live in the world without living of the world:**

1: \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Test everything. Hold onto the good. Avoid all evil." – 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22*

**Two sources for life:** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"The truth is, although we live normal human lives, the battle we are fighting is on the spiritual level. Our battle is to break down every deceptive argument and defense that men erect against the true knowledge of God." – 2 Corinthians 10:4-5*

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

*"With Christ you have died to the elements of this world. Then why do you let others dictate to you." – Colossians 2:20*

*"Don't let other people dictate to you how you're going to live, your lifestyle."*

*"Don't let the world squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remake you so your whole attitude of mind is changed." – Romans 12:2*

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**Living for the approval of others guarantees stress.**

*“the world, and its desires will pass away, but the one who does the will of God lives forever.” – 1 John 2:17*

*“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep for that which he cannot lose.” – Jim Elliot*

**3. \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Do not love the world or anything that belongs to it. If you love the world, you don’t have the love of the Father in you.” – 1 John 2:15 (Good News)*

*“Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength.” – Matthew 22:26*

*“You are like an unfaithful spouse, never realizing that to be the world’s lover means becoming the enemy of God.” – James 4:4 (Phillips Translation)*

**Spiritual adultery – allowing other things to become more important than your relationship with God.**

**4. \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“You are to live clean innocent lives as children of God in a dark world. Shine out among them as beacon lights, holding out to them the word of life.” – Philippians 2:15-16 (LB)*

*“Jesus said, ‘My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.’” – John 17:15,18*

*“For the free gift of eternal salvation is now being offered to everyone, and along with this gift comes the realization that God wants us to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures and live good, God-fearing lives day after day.” – Titus 2:11-12*

**Reflect: How will you apply this teaching? What really stood out to you in this message?**

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