

LOVE NOT THE WORLD

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I John 2:15-27

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- **Romans 12:2** - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God
 - **CONFORM** - to act in agreement with the current customs or models
 - **TRANSFORM** - to change the nature, function or condition of
- **Whatever you love** – you will be influenced by it
- Don't love the “sum total of this material universe or the beauty in it
- **Man can not love both the world and God** – our heart is too narrow to accommodate both

THE THINGS OF THE WORLD:

- **Lust of the Flesh** - luxuries – the corrupt nature of man, subject to the filthy appetites and passions - temporal desires – limited and materialistic
- **Lust of the Eyes** - covetousness
 - **PROVERBS 27:20** - Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.
 - **CONTENTMENT** - **Hebrew 13:5** - “*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*”
- **Pride of Life** - ambitions
 - boasting of the things one does or has with contempt for others
 - a heart that is lifted up not only against man but against God

WHAT TO DO WITH THESE APPETITES:

- These must be renounced and mortified
- They are vain and vanishing - they are fading and dying
- **But the love of God leads to everlasting life**