

What does the number 1 enemy of mankind seek to accomplish in this world?

John 10:10: “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.”

How does Satan deceive mankind?

John 8:44: He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.”

2Cor. 11:3: “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”

2Cor 11:14: “And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”

What is our solution to resist Satan and his demons?

1John 3:8: “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

James 4:7: “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

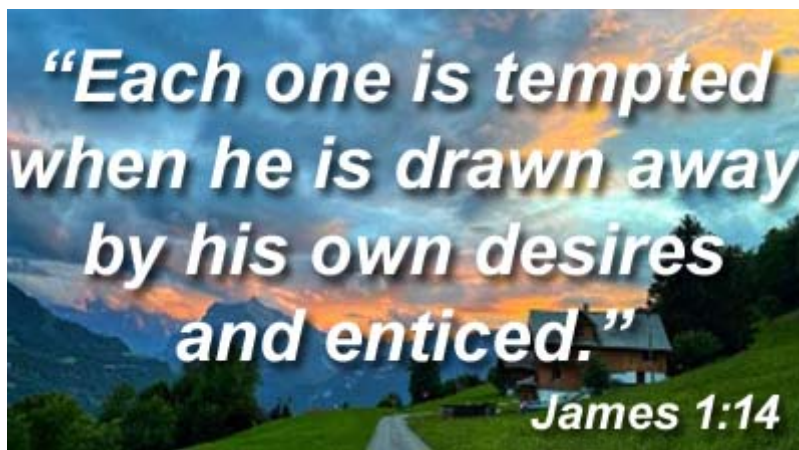
1John 5:18: “We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.”

2Cor. 4:2: “Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the Word of God.”

Eph. 6:11: “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

Am I wearing the armor of God so I can stand against and resist the devil?

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What warnings are we given to avoid the desires of the flesh?

Rom. 6:16: "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?"

1Cor. 6:9-10: "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 covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

Rom. 8:13: "For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

1Cor. 15:50: "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption."

What is our solution then?

Col. 3:2: "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

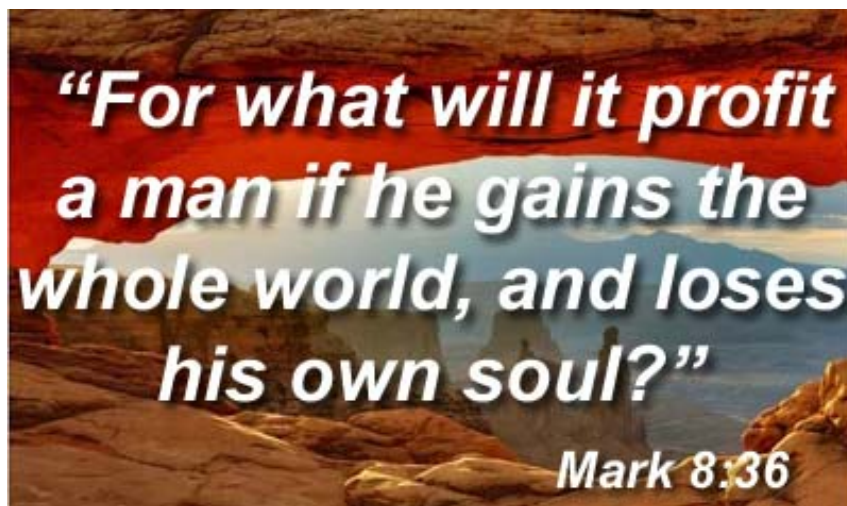
Gal. 5:16: "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

Rom. 13:14: "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts."

Gal. 6:8: "He who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."

Is my heart drawn to the flesh, or rather in following Christ the Lord, to walk according to the Spirit?

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Why is the world our spiritual enemy?

1John 2:16-17: "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."

1John 5:19: "We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."

How must we avoid the world's deceptions and temptations?

Col. 2:8: "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."

Rom. 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Titus 2:12: "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age."

Why?

Mat. 6:24: "No one can serve two masters."

James 4:4: "Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

John 8:12: "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Am I truly following Christ, or do I still harbor in my heart the world's lusts?

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