

Grace Teaches Us to Deny Worldly Lust

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Scriptures:

- Titus 2:11-13
- John 1:14
- 1 Corinthians 15:525
- 1 Thessalonians 4:17
- 1 John 2:15-17
- 1 John 12:5-17, *NLT*
- 1 John 5:19
- 3 John 1:2
- John 17:14-16
- 2 Corinthians 4:18
- John 6:63

Summary:

*An ungodly lifestyle is one in which we don't involve God in anything we do. God's grace enables us to deny ungodliness and put Him first. One of the biggest challenges believers face is living in a cynical world that doesn't believe in God or that Jesus will soon return; considering this, we must focus on Him and not on what's all around us. This involves being on guard against worldly influences and refusing to love a wicked environment that disregards God. Accepting the wisdom that grace makes available to us allows God to teach us the difference between worldliness and godliness, from **His** perspective.*

Notes:

1. It's essential to fight against ungodliness; we are to remain separate from the world. While we reject ungodliness, we must also at the same time focus on Christ's return.
2. The world lies to us because it's under Satan's influence. Worldliness refers to the harmful values that he spreads throughout humanity. More and more, we're seeing the trend that allows popular opinion and the "everyone else is doing it" mindset, rather than God's Word, determine right and wrong.
3. Worldliness is not external; it's internal and is displayed by a choice to ignore God and what He wants to do in our lives.
4. Believers live *in* the world without being part *of* it. We're foreigners who don't belong in the world; our home is heaven. We aren't part of the world's system of operation or way of thinking.
5. It's spiritually dangerous to live by our five physical senses. The carnal things of the world are temporary and will end one day. The Word of God and the things of God are the only things that are permanent.

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