

FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WORLD

“You [are like] unfaithful wives [having illicit love affairs with the world and breaking your marriage vow to God]! Do you not know that being the world’s friend is being God’s enemy? So whoever chooses to be a friend of the world takes his stand as an enemy of God.” James 4:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

What exactly does being a "friend of the world" mean? Friend: One who is attached to another by affection; one who entertains for another, sentiments of esteem, respect and affection, which lead him to desire his company, and to seek to promote his happiness and prosperity; opposed to foe or enemy.

When you have a desire for the things of the world, seek to obtain them through adhering to the principles, statutes and commandments of the world you become an enemy of God. In order to do this you must reject the principles, statutes and commandments of God. This means then, that you cease to be obedient to God and His Word the Lord Jesus Christ and your love is then shifted to the world.

“The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me; and whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I

[too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him. [I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him.]” John 14:21 Amplified Bible (AMP)

Being a Friend of the World will prevent you from seeing, hearing and knowing the only True and Living God. It also places you on a definite path of destruction, making the Devil your father, glorifying him and his ways and rejecting and crucifying Christ through your lifestyle. This is what it means to be a friend of the world. It will cause you to die in your trespasses and sins and your name will be excluded from the Lamb’s Book of Life. This is way you are admonished to love not the world or the things in it.

“Do not love or cherish the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one’s own resources or in the stability of earthly things]—these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself].” 1 John 2:15-16 Amplified Bible (AMP)

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