

# SURROUNDED BY SIN

Temptation is Everywhere



THIS IS YOUR PROBLEM



FAMILY



FRIENDS



# COWORKERS



# LANGUAGE

Eph. 4:29

“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”



# DRESS

1st Timothy 2:9

Likewise also that women should adorn  
themselves in respectable apparel, with  
modesty and self-control...



# IDEAS

Colossians 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.



# TREATMENT OF OTHERS

Leviticus 19:18

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.



MEDIA





SOCIAL MEDIA





# MOVIES & TELEVISION





NEWS



# Matthew 22:34-40

- But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”





NEWS





**MSNBC**



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- What does my news source encourage me to think about God's teaching regarding homosexuality and transgenderism?





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- What does my news source encourage me to think about God's teaching regarding giving to the poor?





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- What does my news source encourage me to think about God's teaching regarding race?





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- What does my news source encourage me to think about God's teaching regarding the Bible as His word?





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- Does my news source encourage me to love my gay neighbor?





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- Does my news source encourage me to love my poor neighbor?





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- Does my news source encourage me to love my rich neighbor?





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- Does my news source encourage me to love my Muslim neighbor?





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- Does my news source encourage me to love my Democrat neighbor?





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- Does my news source encourage me to love my Republican neighbor?





NEWS



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Not Noticing  
Instead:  
Pay Attention





# Leviticus 10:10-11

- You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, and you are to teach the people of Israel all the statutes that the Lord has spoken to them by Moses.

# 1st Peter 5:8

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# Freezing in Fear



# John 15:18-21

- “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.



# Matthew 10:28

- And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

# 1st Peter 5:6-7

- Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.



# Hebrews 12:1-3

- Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

# Hebrews 12:7-8

- It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.



# Hebrews 12:11

- For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

# Hebrews 12:12-13

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Freezing in Fear  
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Toughen Up





# Fully Withdrawing



## John 4:7-9

- A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)



# John 4:13-15

- Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

# John 4:16-18

- Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”



## Mark 2:15-17

- And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

# John 17:14-16

- I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.



# Matthew 5:13-16

- “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.” You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Fully  
Withdrawing  
Instead:  
Build Godly  
Relationships  
with the World





# Warring Against Flesh



# Ephesians 6:10-12

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## 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

- For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

# 1st Peter 3:15

- But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,



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