

Love Not The World

My Notes 4/28/2024 Sunday School

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16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof:

Good morning, everybody so let's find our seats, and stop fooling with those lights back there whoever turned those lights off. This place every week the power goes off for some reason I don't know can't understand it. Alright, we're in first, John, we're in the second chapter. So I want you to find the 15th through the 17th verses. You probably already know them. I speak on it quite often, as a matter of fact, and it is obligatory for believers to follow this admonition to love not the world, and that's very difficult. There are things of the world that kind of allure us, and that's what the devil's all about, isn't it? So here's the text. [1 John 2:15-17](#) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. So you see, there's specificity to this. If we just say love, love not the world, you know, this kind of nebulous expression, but neither love the things that are in the world. So we have to keep all this in mind here, and this is where believers I think all of us have to be very, very cautious about how attached we are to this place. This world is not my home. I'm just a passing through. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckoned me from heaven's open door, and I can't feel at home in this world anymore. [1 John 2:15](#) So if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Pretty serious, isn't it so? Let's be very careful about this [1 John 2:16](#) 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 world. [1 John 2:17](#) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. Oh so there's some really interesting thoughts here, so let's explore it a bit. Love not the world so you know what you find in the epistles is wonderful consonants. So if one speaks in one place, another kind of buttresses that truth in another place. We compare scripture with Scripture, and everybody's singing the same song, right? So that makes it all the more affirmative. So [James 4:1;4](#) From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they are hence *even* of your lusts which war in your members? And then if you skip on down there to the fourth verse, he says, Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know you not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore shall be a friend of the world is the enemy of

God. And that's about the last thing I want to be described how about you? Don't be a friend of the world so you know the devil's always out there, he said, he says, friend me, right? And now what do you have to do on Facebook? Don't you, do you unfriend people? Is that what it is? Or just friend or disfranchise? Anybody know? Unfriend, right? So unfriend the devil we don't want him, we don't want him being involved in our lives, but he's always out there in one way or another to try to pull us in. I call it the Devil's Wolf Pack, you know. Jesus spoke of him as the wolf and [John 10:10](#) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and kill and to destroy doesn't he? So he has no good things for us. So the sensualist, you know who wants to live life for its pleasures, and wants to live it to the hilt, and we have the cultists that are out there as well, and all of this designed of the world, the communists. Now should I put those pictures in there? O, alright I didn't know, I didn't know where you guys were with it. You know, coming here, a little soft out here, moderates, and so forth. Yeah, I think the communists, yeah, it's all about community, and then his false religion. That they're out here also, and we have the occultists, and then there's the Devil's Wolf Pack. Can we add anymore to it? What do you think? Oh ok the atheists they're out there in full force. They're not interested in anything that's godly, and we've got the transgenderist now, so we've got men that want to use the ladies room. We've got a championship player on Jeopardy, right, and he dresses up like a woman, and everybody's supposed to call him she right? And I think he has a female name meanwhile, he's married to a woman, So what is this right? Strange stuff it's out there in the world I think I've shown you a list of all the various types of you know when you get into the various sexual perversions. There are so many types. They have so many ways of describing what you are, and so forth. You're not just, you know, transgenderist that is just one of many categories. The evolutionist, well, they're out there in full force in the media, and in the educational systems. The nihilism Well nihilism like well begins with niche. So it's despising life, It's life is worthless. These nihilistic young people go into schools, you know, and shoot up people, and then they shoot themselves that their life is miserable. They want to make a few other lives miserable, and then they go out, and we give them all kinds of news coverage. So, the nihilism , and then the pantheist, and these pantheists, well, they're they're in full force through the movies, the media, Disney, everything about Disney seems to be pantheistic, and The Lion King, and all this, and the unsuspecting in the world are drawn in. They're drawn into it. They love the music, they love the sights, and sounds, they love to go to the theater, they want to be entertained, and that's how the devil pulls us into the world. Well, the Bible in opposition to this says love not the world, and neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. So that's pretty serious.

[1 John 2:16](#) Well then it goes in a description which I would consider to be the three headings of all sin three headings, but many, many diversities in those headings. So we have the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. So from that, what issues forth from those headwaters are many streams of sin?

The lust of the flesh, so we can speak of the 12 sexual sins that the Bible speaks about.

[Deuteronomy 22:21](#) The first being fornication, which is sex before you were married. Then they that bring out in the Deuteronomy, it says, they shall bring out the damsel to

the door of her father's house. The men of her city shall stone him with stones, that she died, because she hath wrought folly in Israel to play the whore in her father's house. So shalt thou put evil away from among you, so you can see how serious the matter was. Today it's laughed at, and mocked young people go to the schools, and the schools give them birth control pills, they give them condoms, they give them all this, and so on. They said, well, you know, you can't prevent it. They're going to get, they're going to do this, and this is because parents now have given up the authority, and they let their kids go to daycare, then they go to public schools, and the schools are raising the kids. So that's where we are with it. That the media is doing the rest of the work. [1 Corinthians 6:18](#) In the New Testament it says, Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth, he doeth without the body, but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. That's a rather telling passage because it speaks of a compensatory judgment that will come upon those that use their bodies in this fashion. So if you sin with your body, if you give your body over to fornication, then you're going to receive a reciprocal judgment. So we have sexual transmitted diseases. Friday night I was preaching at a place, and there were it's a it's a meeting, so to speak, like an NA meeting, but it has biblical base to it, and so I was invited to speak there., and there was uh they were studying the book of Proverbs, and they were in the 7th chapter, which is the chapter about the harlot, right? The harlot woman, and so each of them were reading their their passages, and they were supposed to comment a little bit on it, and so forth, and the there was one lady that said, well, I have to admit, I'm a prostitute. Now it's pathetic. The you know, you look at her, she's all worn down she's trembling, and so forth because she's trying to get off these drugs, and so she uses her body to get money to for the drugs. Absolutely pathetic, but this is the incumbent judgment. God brings something upon you if you want to sin, and use your body in this fashion, there's going to be a reciprocal judgment, right? Alright, so [Ephesians 5:3](#) But fornication, and all uncleanness, and covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as become saints. So if we're Saints this is the sin that's forbidden, forbidden to believers. Then adultery so this, of course, is sex while you're married with somebody else that isn't your partner [Exodus 20:14](#) Thou shalt not commit adultery. [Galatians 5:19](#) Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness. In [2 Peter 2:14](#) says Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin. Then we have the Bible describing this homosexuality, and explicit terms. [Leviticus 18:22](#) Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind. It is an abomination. So there are those that will say, well, that's the Old Testament. What changed in the New Testament? It's an abomination, and that's what God tells us. If a man also lie with mankind as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. [Romans 1:26-27](#) in the New Testament context says For this cause God they gave them up to vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 and likewise also the men, leaving the women, burned in their lust one toward another now look at this men with working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. Now you know that's lofty language. It is wonderfully couched in modesty. There's a sense in which you know the King James translators did not bring out its full manifestation so as to remain chaste in their conversation, but we're talking here about sodomy the act of sodomy. A man receiving, and doing himself the sexual organ of another man, that's what this means, and then receiving a just judgment because of that, receiving in themselves the recompense of their error. Which was meet or which was what they ought to get, in other words. So look what happens to them as a result. All sorts of physical ailment aids, of course, is the most obvious, but there are many other problems that are related to annual sexual endeavor. Then rape is mentioned in the Bible, [Genesis 34:1](#) And Dinah the daughter of Leah, went out to see the daughters of

the land in Shechem, and they saw her and took her, and lay with her, and defiled her, and when the word got back to the brothers, they had revenge on them, didn't they, then in [Judges 19:25](#) But the men would not hearken to him: so the men took his concubine. This also we had consorts none of this is permitted, of course in the Bible. All of it say is a perversion. So these concubines a man would have a wife, but he'd also have concubines. Now we have it today, but it's usually done secretly you know, people have their they have their liaisons while they're married. The Romans did this constantly concubine, and of course this made out of concubine, and they brought her forth unto them, and they knew her, which of course is sexually raped her, and abused her all the night until the morning, and when the day began to spring, they let her go, and she died. It's pathetic. [2 Samuel 13:11;14](#) Howbeit he amon would not hear. Now this is David's son and he is infatuated with his step sister, and will not be satisfied until he traps her, and then rapes her being stronger than she forced her, and lay with her. This is filthy evil, and this is happening all the time in our society, and people that do it are arrested, ultimately if they're found out. Then we have in the Bible this sexual sin, polygamy in [Genesis 4:19](#) And Lamech took unto him two wives. So now now they're this is common custom that you find in the Middle Eastern culture their law says you can have as many wives as you can take care of. So multiple polygamous relationships are permitted in that society. God's people were never given this license. Somebody just asked me about this question, and so forth, and I said what would you have? A second wife? No, no, no, but they wanted to know I said because if you have a second wife you have two mother in laws, and that's, but he wanted to know about, you know, how did this work out, and so on, and the answer to it is that God never approved of it, he said well, what about David? He had multiple wives. Well, what about David? If you really look at the consequences of that, it was not good. It never is good. So Abraham, and Sarah, they conspire together, and say well here take Hagar. She'll be a concubine to you. You can have relations, and she'll get pregnant, and then we'll have a child, and how did that turn out? That turned out with the conflict that's happening in Israel right now. That's how it turned out so it doesn't turn out well. In [1 Kings 11:1, 3](#) But King Solomon loved many strange women. So he had 700 wives, and he had 300 concubines. So what was he? Some kind of a sexual Olympiad, I suppose, and so on. So he had all these wives, and was this good? No, because the wives led led him into idolatry, turned his heart away from the living God, and [1 Timothy 3:2;12](#) A Bishop this would be the minister of the gospel, then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, and let the deacons be the husbands of one wife. So in New Testament context, that was the same. Of course, in Roman society, again, this was something that was just commonplace. The senators in Rome all had a wife, and they had at least one concubine, and so, it trickles down, of course, to common culture. If it's ok for the senators, it's ok for the common man at least that's how it's viewed. How much trouble came to us because of the president of the United States having sex with his secretary? And I'm talking about Bill Clinton, and having his worker there, a 21 year old girl, just barely, you know, not a teenager, but just barely adult, and having sexual relations, and then, and then going before the whole world, and lying about it, and then coming back, and saying well it really isn't sex, and so forth. I mean it's just so twisted, and perverted., and this trickles down to people that say, well, if the president can do it, I can do it, and that's the way it goes, but God says no, and when God says no, you better not get anywhere close to these sins. [Leviticus 18:12-15](#) Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister. So now we're talking about incest, aren't we? She is thy father's near kinswoman, woman, thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father, mother's sister, and for she is thy mother's near kinsman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother. Thou shalt not approach to his wife. She is thine aunt. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy

daughter-in-law she's thy son's wife. Thou shalt not uncover her nakedness, I mean, so the Bibles filled with these, you know, people say, well, you know the 10 commandments. There are 10 commandments. There's much, many more than 10 commandments, as you can see here just in this list alone. So all of these are commandments from the Lord, They are moral commandments, and as a result, they have never changed. Yes, we're in the New Testament. Say we're not under the law. Well, you're not under this law is that what you're telling me? We're under all of those moral laws, we're not under the ceremonial laws. We're not under, you know, the dietary laws. We're not under the clothing law as far as not the mixing cotton with wool, we'd all be in trouble this morning we don't have men don't have to have a beard going down, and squaring it off at the end. No, no, we don't have to do that. That's all part of the ceremonial law, and there's a difference between that, and the moral law. So when you're reading your Bible, you have to figure out which is which. It doesn't necessarily, you know, categorize them in that fashion, but to me, the conscience tells you immediately. You know, right away, like it can't be right. [1 Corinthians 5:1](#) Of course. It is spoken of here. Incest as far as it's reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication is not so much as even named among the Gentiles that a man should have his father's wife. It's a very strange construction. Why didn't they say, well, I have sex with his mother because apparently this was a stepson having relations with his stepmother. All of its twisted stuff, and you know, the devil will take every taboo, whatever taboo, whatever the Bible says is evil they will make it right. He'll make it right somehow. He'll make it natural, and normal. Would have never thought would be in this mess that we're in now sexually 20 years ago we would have ever thought this, but now look what we have today, and this is going to continue on until we've got perverts, and we've got pedophiles, and that they'll say, well we were born this way, and we have that attraction to children, and if you're going to justify all the other perversions, then you're gonna have to justify that one, and who knows what's next? Well I mentioned, well, prostitution, what an evil thing this is. [Leviticus 19:29](#) Do not prostitute thy daughter to cause her to be a whore lest the land fall to the whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness. You know this is a charge to a father. The father has a mandate from God to keep his daughter pure. That's what the Bible teaches, and the only way you're going to do that is by keeping her away from what the rest of the crowd is doing. The way they dress is I mean, it's exposing bodies. This is what, but the kids want to all do what the world's doing. They want to live like the world they want to show off their physical features, and this is evil, and it is wicked, and the daughter of the priest, he if she profane herself by playing the whore she profanes her father, she shall be burnt with fire. Pretty serious, isn't it? And [1 Corinthians 6:16](#) What? know you not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. So if our young people wanna take their bodies, and commit fornication, you'll become one with that person sexually, and if it's a prostitute, you know whoever she slept with, you slept with now, I mean, this is how all these diseases are being transmitted, and so forth, because we have loose living, we have no morality in our society. So look, I charge you what? We're all older people here, pretty much. So I charge you, though, you're raising children, grandchildren, then you've got an obligation to keep them in the right way, and to point them in the right direction, and to be strict, and severe if that's what it takes. People just want to be friends with their kids, and it's we've got too much at stake here. So you're got to draw lines, and say no, no, no, this isn't permitted, no, no, we're not allowing this. The men need to stand up, and say to the daughters, no, you can't, can't dress like that, no, no, no, no, no, not allowed to do that. You see, and be firm about what you're doing, and if that because you're going to get, you know there's a backlash that comes, and that's when the rebellion comes out, and that's the devil. That's all that is.

Children are to obey their parents, and so this idea that they can talk back, and you know they have their opinion now forget that you're an authority from Almighty God. Take the authority, stand strong, know what you believe, and then draw the line, and say that's where it is, and don't back down. I gotta adjust these hearing aids. Beastly sometime some people pronounce it bestiality, but we get the idea here. [Exodus 22:19](#) Whosoever lieth with a beast shall be put to death. Now what could be more perverted than this? You would think, but we have it in our society. So are we going in this direction? What's next? What taboo will the devil say? Well, this ought to be tried as well. [Leviticus 20:15](#) And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death, and he shall slay the beast. [Leviticus 20:16](#) And if a woman approached unto any beast, and lie down there too, thou shalt kill the woman and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. [Deuteronomy 27:21](#) Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast, and all the people shall say, Amen. O, I mean that who would want to you would say, but this is where we are. We have to understand that we've got, we've got everything twisted now, and the devil's saying we'll try this, and try that. You know nothing is beyond the scope. So we already mentioned transgenderism. So now of course we've got we've got that one guy, you know, he pretends he's a woman. and he swims in the Olympic tryouts, and so forth, and the women can't beat him because he's a man, and there's a difference between men, and women. And I know, again, in our society, it's like you're not allowed to say that anything a man can do, a woman could do, you know, and that's nonsense. We're created differently, and be glad for the difference, and thank God for the difference. There's a difference here, but no, no, we've got men now so what's [Deuteronomy 22:5](#) about? People say that's the Old Testament. Well, I think it's a moral law. I don't know what you think it's a moral law. The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man. So if I came in here dressed like a woman all of you would be all worked up, wouldn't you? And it's not going to happen, by the way. [Deuteronomy 22:5](#) Neither shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all that do so are an abomination unto the Lord. So let's know where the devil's taking us here. Understand this, and stand against it. [Luke 7:25](#) But what went you out to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Jesus said soft raiment. A man dressed in woman's clothing? Behold, they which are gorgeously appareled, and lived delicately, are in King's courts. Well, Nero had a consort he was a bisexual. So he had a wife, and he had a consort, a teenage boy that would dress like a woman, and that was part of his entourage in the court, and so Jesus rails against it here, and speaks about it, and that's what the word effeminate means when you find that in the list of sins that are forbidden. In [1 Corinthians 6:9](#), and the [Galatians 5:21](#) so effeminate. So effeminate, and abusers of themselves with mankind. That's homosexual there, That's sodomy, but effeminate means transgenderism. It means wearing soft clothing. A man wearing soft clothing, and 1st Corinthian 6 no, you're not the right. You should not inherit the Kingdom of God. Be not deceived there it is neither fornicators. This is serious. So I have Paul here. He's the preacher of Grace. He's the preacher of law, according to some. You know, don't worry the law, he said. The law can't save you. He didn't say anything that there was anything wrong with the law. The law is perfect. It's just, it's totally it's good. It is our example, and here he claims that be not deceived. They're not going to inherit the Kingdom of God, be not deceived, neither fornicators, nor adulterers, nor idolaters, nor covetous, nor thieves, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves, nor mankind, nor covetous, nor thieves, nor drunkards, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God. Now such were some of you, he said, but now you're washed now you're justified. So he makes it very plain here the people that practice these things are unsaved. They're lost. They're going to go to hell when they die. They need to repent from these things, and then we have Pagan sexual activity. [Hosea 4:12-13](#) My people ask counsel at the stocks. That these are idols,

and their staff declared unto them. For the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to error, and they have gone a whoring from under their God. 13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good. Therefore your daughter shall commit whoredom, And your spouses shall commit adultery. Now this has to do with Pagan worship, and this is what Baal worship was really all about. One wonders why would why would Israel be attracted to Baal worship? They, you know, they worship the true, and living God. Why would they want to offer incense to a piece of stone? Well, the answer comes down to it. That part of what they did in these Baal worship experiences, and worship of Molech, and so on was it was orgiastic. In other words, there was a sexual orgy that was going on, and they had temple prostitutes. They people committing fornication. You'll see when Moses comes down from the mountain, what are they doing? They're naked, they're dancing, and they're committing fornication in front of an idol. That's what do you think the attraction? The devil. When the devil has a religion, it's going to have sexual connotation to it. Now, all these rock concerts that these kids are going to, and so forth, it's all about sex. Taylor Swift, you know, she's out there in her whatever underwear, and men are lusting after her, and that's part of the deal here, part of the deal if you're going to go to worship at these places because that's really paganistic ritual, that's what it's all about, and sensual. [1 Corinthians 10:7-8](#) So neither be idolaters, as some of them were: as it is written, the people sat down to eat and drink. He's talking about the days of Moses, and they rose up to play a euphemism for committing fornication. Neither let us commit fornication as some of them committed. So it's a warning to us, and then, of course, pornography. When we talk about the lust of the flesh, this is how that lust is incited. [Matthew 5:27-28](#) You have heard that it was said of them of old time, thou shall not commit adultery. 28 But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery in his heart. So that's looking, and committing the act of adultery in the imagination. I'll be speaking, I guess, today from [Ezekiel 8:12](#) You know, where it talks about the the imagery of the mind, what goes on in the mind, the theater of the mind where everything is kind of played out in advance before the actual physical act takes place. Jesus is warning about this, and it is also a sin. [2 Peter 2:14](#) Having eyes full of adultery. How do you have eyes full of adultery? Well pornography is the answer to that, and they had pleasant pictures. Isaiah spoke about them in the Old Testament, and then all you have to do is look at, look at the hieroglyphics that you'll find in the tombs that Egypt, and they have the women in scantily clad women, you know in see through apparel. All of this was enticing lust. It was pornography in its primitive state. Then even in the Middle Ages, when at the Renaissance and Michelangelo he made naked statues and so forth, It's just pornography that's all, and then [1 John 2:16](#) For all that is in the world, the less of the flesh. So that's our text for now. [2 Timothy 2:22](#) So flee also youthful lusts. So now lustful thoughts are mentioned. Youthful lust which, but follow righteousness, faith, and charity, [Colossians 3:5](#) Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth. So mortify your members, which are upon the earth. Your brain is a member, right? So mortify your members with your upon earth put them to death in other words, fornication. He names these sexual sins, uncleanness, and what else? Inordinate affections and evil, concupiscence and idolatry, which is covetousness, covetousness, which is idolatry, For which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. So there's kind of a list as well there Inordinate affections. That's unnatural, and the market says, for within, out of the heart of man, for evil thoughts, and adulteries, and fornications, the thought life comes under scrutiny now. And [Job 31:1](#) said this, I made a covenant with my eyes. Why then should I think upon a maid? He's talking here again about sexual thoughts, and eyes full of adultery which leads us to kind of the second root lust of the

eyes.

So we have the lust of the flesh there that we covered in the 12 sins that the Bible forbids, and the lust of the eyes now comes an indifferent category. Because this isn't just sexual lust that's involved. Lust just means desire to have. We can look at a car, and lust after it, and many people do as a matter of fact. So we saw this passage that Jesus gave us in [Matthew 5:27-28](#) regarding the eyes, and I will set no wicked thing before my eyes, and again Job tells us he made a covenant with his eyes. So how very valuable, and important all of this is that we get our eyes where they need to be, and not roaming around, and so forth, and looking very difficult today in the way women dress, they dress seductively. Now, if you told them that, they'd be insulted they don't understand, they don't even understand the word modesty at this point. So I mean that's like to them, they think they're modest. They got everything hanging out of them, and they think they're modest. How? How can you think you're modest, but you aren't, and you're disobeying God, and you're causing people to lust after you, and that's wicked.

Albert Barnes has this in his notes. Lust not after her beauty. He's using [Proverbs 6](#) right in thine heart neither be taken with her eyelids. See also he says the fearful, and solemn declaration of the Savior in [Matthew 5](#), which we just saw, and in [Job 31](#), which we just saw. I made a covenant with my eyes. Why, then, should I think upon a maid? So there's much emphasis in the expression used here by Job. He does not merely say that he had not thought in that manner, but that the thing was morally impossible, that he should have done it any change of that kind, or any suspicion of it, he would repel with indignation. His purpose, to lead a pure life, and to keep a pure heart had been so settled that it was impossible that he could have offended in that respect. His purpose also not to think on this subject, showed the extent of the restriction imposed on himself, it was not merely his intention to lead a chaste life, and to avoid open sin, but it was to maintain a pure heart, and not to suffer the mind to become corrupted by dwelling on impure images or indulging in unholy desires. Now he wrote that in the 1800's could you imagine if he lived today, what he would be looking at, and seeing, and where this is gone? The Internet, of course now is one of the Satan's great tools, and he's drawing people into fornication everywhere, and the picture, of course, of pornographic images, with women half naked, showing off every part of their body, and young men now teenagers is a very difficult world for them to live in because now they are suffused with these images, and so we have to teach our young people to follow after righteousness, and faith, and charity, and peace with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

So the poll results indicate that 50% of all Christian men and 20% of all Christian women are addicted to pornography, and that's a shocking thing. Half what I think half of my congregation what? Addicted to pornography. Women addicted to pornography? Oh yes, you know we're not going to just blame all the men because women, they're enticed in a different way. They read a sex novel that they're interested in, and that excites them, and it's just as filthy pornography if it's written or if it's a visual picture. So few cultural issues alarm conservative Protestant families, and communities like the seemingly ubiquitous threat of pornography. Thanks to widespread access to the Internet, conservative Protestants now face a reality in which every Christian man, woman, and child with a smartphone can access limitless pornography in their bathroom at work or at a friend's

sleepover. Once confident of their victory over pornography, and society at large, conservative Protestants now fear that porn addiction is consuming even the most faithful. God help us 64% of Christian men, and 15% of Christian women say they watch porn at least once a month. One in five youth pastors and one in seven senior pastors use porn on a regular basis, and currently struggling. That's more than 50,000 US church leaders, and those are people willing to admit it. 28,258 users are watching pornography every second. 51% of male students and 32% of female students first viewed porn before their teenage years. The first exposure to pornography among men is 12 years old on average, 71% of teens hide online behavior from their parents. Parents are so stupid sometimes, and that's intentional. They try to keep the, you know, older people say, I don't want to have anything to do with all this electronic stuff. You know, it baffles you, and the young people, they're glad for that because they make fools of you. They can do whatever they want to do, and he said, well, we've got, we've got safety nets and so forth. They know the way around it, and they communicate with those that teach them how to defuse those things, so gotta be smart with all this I don't know, I still wonder how I got through junior high, and high school without having a cell phone. I don't know how. I don't know how I did it. Why would they need a cell phone? You said? Well, because they're shootings now, and if they're in the school, they'll need to be able to communicate with their parents. You know how small a percentage of that is? You know, less than 1%, but is that worth it? What do you what do you think? And for that matter, look if they're really in a situation like that won't somebody else have a cell phone too, everybody does. All the kids have them, and what are they doing with them? And I mean, you're talking about. I mean just if I was a teacher, I'm thinking how many of these kids are cheating? I'm giving them a vocabulary test, and I'm saying alright now spell the word contumacious cumt, right you wouldn't want one of my vocabulary tests, would you? 57% of teen search on porn sites at least monthly, and 68% of divorce cases involve one party meeting, and not new lover over the Internet. So the lust of the eyes unlimited, movies, TV shows, you name it, sex is the theme, and the lust of the eyes were retracted, and brought into situations.

Then we have the pride of life. I could have mentioned with the lust of the eyes, too probably should have there's more to it than just sexual thoughts, and that's covetousness, and the idea that even there in [Colossians 3](#) it says covetousness, which is idolatry. So when we covet after something, we we wanna have it. We wanna have it badly, and what Madison Ave. does is it packages its various products in such a way that it makes you think you must have this. You have to have this. They put a sale's out, and they convince you that you, you know, the fast talking salesman's on there for 15 second ad, but 1000 times you gotta come down, come down now, come down. If you're in your pajamas, come down. You know you got to come down, and get this car because there's not going to be any cars tomorrow. This is it. This is the last car on the lot, and so forth, and they create desire, and that's the whole idea of lust, of the eyes. You see something, and you want it. You see it. You want it, and so you get the magazines at home. Then the magazine is the Better Homes and Gardens or something. You look, you open and say, oh, I, you know, I've got to have a garden that looks like this. I have to spend whatever amount of money so that I can have a full garden or my house has to look like this, and I have to have a certain shutters on I have to have this thing, and the neighbor over there has this, and we don't have it, and we've got to do this, and we've got to do that, and we've got to do it immediately because after all the sale is gone after midnight, you've go, and they even put a clock on sometimes, you know, this is it gets people all

worked up.

Then we have the pride of life. [Proverbs 16:18-19](#) Pride goes before destruction, a haughty heart before the fall. 19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit, with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud. So the pride of life. Of course, this is a fountainhead from many different types of sin. We have pride about a lot of things. [Luke 18:11-14](#) We think of the Pharisee prayed thus with himself. God, I'm thankful I'm not as other men are. I mean, what kind of a prayer is this, you think? And he makes a boast of his holiness, and the scribes and the Pharisees would walk around they had phylacteries tied around their heads, and people say, oh look how holy he is. Or they would enlarge the border of the garment Jesus convicts us of all of this hypocrisy in [Matthew 23](#). So humility, it's just the opposite, but everything in the world is about boasting of yourself, and your abilities and so forth. I'm the greatest this, and that, and so on. It was Muhammad Ali that, you know, made that audacious statement

I'm the greatest, he said, and the people said, now that's the attitude to have to have. If you're going to be a great player, you have to think you're the best one on the court, and that you're this, and that, and you're better than everybody else, and so you have this haughtiness, and this arrogance, and this pride that it leads to destruction. Now, we had the greatest wide receiver, I guess, in NFL history right here in Pittsburgh Antonio Brown, but look how he burned out. I hope everybody, you know, takes notes of all this, and says, look, you know, he made a fool of himself because he was the greatest, he was the best, and nobody could tell him what to do, and that coach there did not put me on the field, that's it. Take my shirt off, walk out half naked, and show the people I'm the best. You know you need me. What an attitude to have they score a touchdown, you know, beat your breast like a gorilla, you know, and so what? What do you think you are? All you are is flesh and blood. That's all you are, but you see, we reward that in our society, and we think that's important. He's a champion after all it's just a silly little game, but people think it's so valuable, so important, you know, and they we give trophies out, we give ribbons out, and we give people for participating they get a ribbon, everybody's a winner, and so on. That's the attitude, and boasting, and then telling the kids, you know you can be anything you want to be, you can be anything you want to. The opposite is what the Bible teaches humility standing before God, and saying I am nothing. I am nothing. If you'll use me, Lord, I'll give you the credit, and give you the glory. I don't want to shine brightly. I don't want the spotlight on me. I want it on Jesus. Humility so beware of success. We think of David courageously defeats Goliath, mercifully saves the life of Saul, and anointed as king over all of Israel, and achieved great military victories. Beware success. What happened to him? [1 Corinthians 10:12](#) Wherefore he that thinketh, he standeth take heed lest he fall, [Proverbs 16:18](#) Pride goeth before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. And we look at David after he commits adultery, after he plans to put the captain to death. Here's a captain of his army out in the field, risking his life for the glory of the Kingdom, and the glory of David's Kingdom, and David is here committing adultery with the man's wife. Disgusting, and then lies about it, and then has the man killed, and his name appears you know Beth Sheba's name appears as Urias wife right in the genealogy, and then after that, fourfold terrible things happened to him. Terrible things. Then King Nebuchadnezzar said this is my Kingdom, this is my world. I made all these by my power, and my hand. Well, you can read what happened to him in the 4th chapter of [Daniel 4:30](#) he was brought down to well some say psychologically was lycanthropy. You know, he thought he was a beast. He was out there eating grass on all fours, his nails were like Eagles claws, and his mind

was deranged, and so forth. And here's a man that said I'm greater than God, I'm a living god, and we see what happens to him, and the greatest illustration of the pride of life has to be Lucifer. Oh, Lucifer, how art thou? Fallen from heaven? [Isaiah 14:12-16](#) gives us the biography, right? How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, thou son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! Well, there's questions are put out rhetorically, and then they're answered. Right? 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the cloud; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. 16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That's the end. Satan cast out all the wisdom, all the beauty gifted to him from the Almighty, and he will not give God the credit for it. Instead, he takes that which God has given him, and he exalts himself above God, and he's cast down to hell. So the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, these are the three great categories of sin to be assiduously avoided by all believers, and everybody in the room said. Amen.

[1 John 2:17](#) So the world passeth away, and the lusts thereof. So you can count on it. Whatever you get from the world is temporal. It's going to all pass away, but he that do with the will of God abideth forever, and so I want to address this next week when we get into our study, and the great consolation that God has given to us, the consolation that if we live a life that's obedient to him though we are not enjoying the pleasures, temporal pleasures of this world, the way the world is, but you know, we see the consequences that are attached to it, and say not for me, not for me not gonna be out at the bar drinking, not gonna be shooting up any drugs, not gonna be smoking any marijuana, not interested in any of this. We're not, we're not going in that direction, not going to be sleeping with our girlfriends. We're not going to do this. We're going to walk a different way, and what's in it for us? Peter said. Well, Jesus said one hundredfold now, and in the world to come everlasting life. Oh, you mean there's a consolation to living this life of deprivation? Oh yes. Well worth it when we get to heaven.

So, Lord, help us all to be satisfied people here you you've given us every good thing, Lord, and the power to enjoy so bring a blessing to us today for having been here in Sunday school in Jesus name Amen.