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PART 3



Be
OVERCOMERS

The 7 Churches of REVELATION 2 & 3



Ephesus



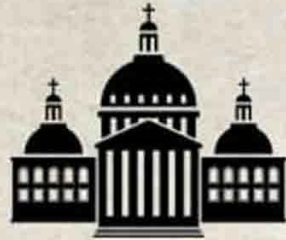
**The
Loveless
Church**



Smyrna



**The
Persecuted
Church**



Pergamos



**The
Compromising
Church**



Thyatira



**The Corrupt
Church**



Sardis



**The Dead
Church**



Philadelphia



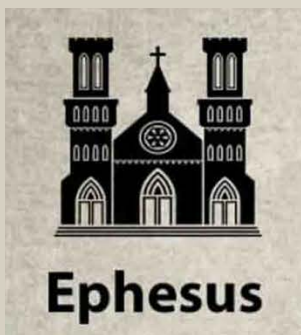
**The Faithful
Church**



Laodicea



**The
Lukewarm
Church**



Ephesus

Revelation 2:7
“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes** I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”



Smyrna

Revelation 2:11
“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **He who overcomes** shall not be hurt by the second death.”



Pergamos

Revelation 2:17
“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes** I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.” ’



Thyatira

Revelation 2:26-28
26 And **he who overcomes**, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—
27 He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’—as I also have received from My Father; **28** and I will give him the morning star.



Sardis

Revelation 3:5

He who overcomes

shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.



Philadelphia

Revelation 3:12

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.



Laodicea

Revelation 3:21

To him who overcomes

I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

3 Primary Areas to Overcome?

- I. The Evil One
- II. The World
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A hand holding a glowing Holy Bible with lightning bolts emanating from it.

I. How to overcome the evil one?

1. Know our spiritual authority and power.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Mark 16:17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues.

1. How to overcome the evil one?
2. Do not be ignorant of his schemes.

2 Corinthians 2:11

lest Satan should take
advantage of us;
for we are not ignorant
(unaware) of his devices
(schemes).



2. Do not be ignorant of his schemes.

Example #1 - The issue of guilt and condemnation.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

**Pursue a
Guilt Free - No Condemnation
Relationship with God**

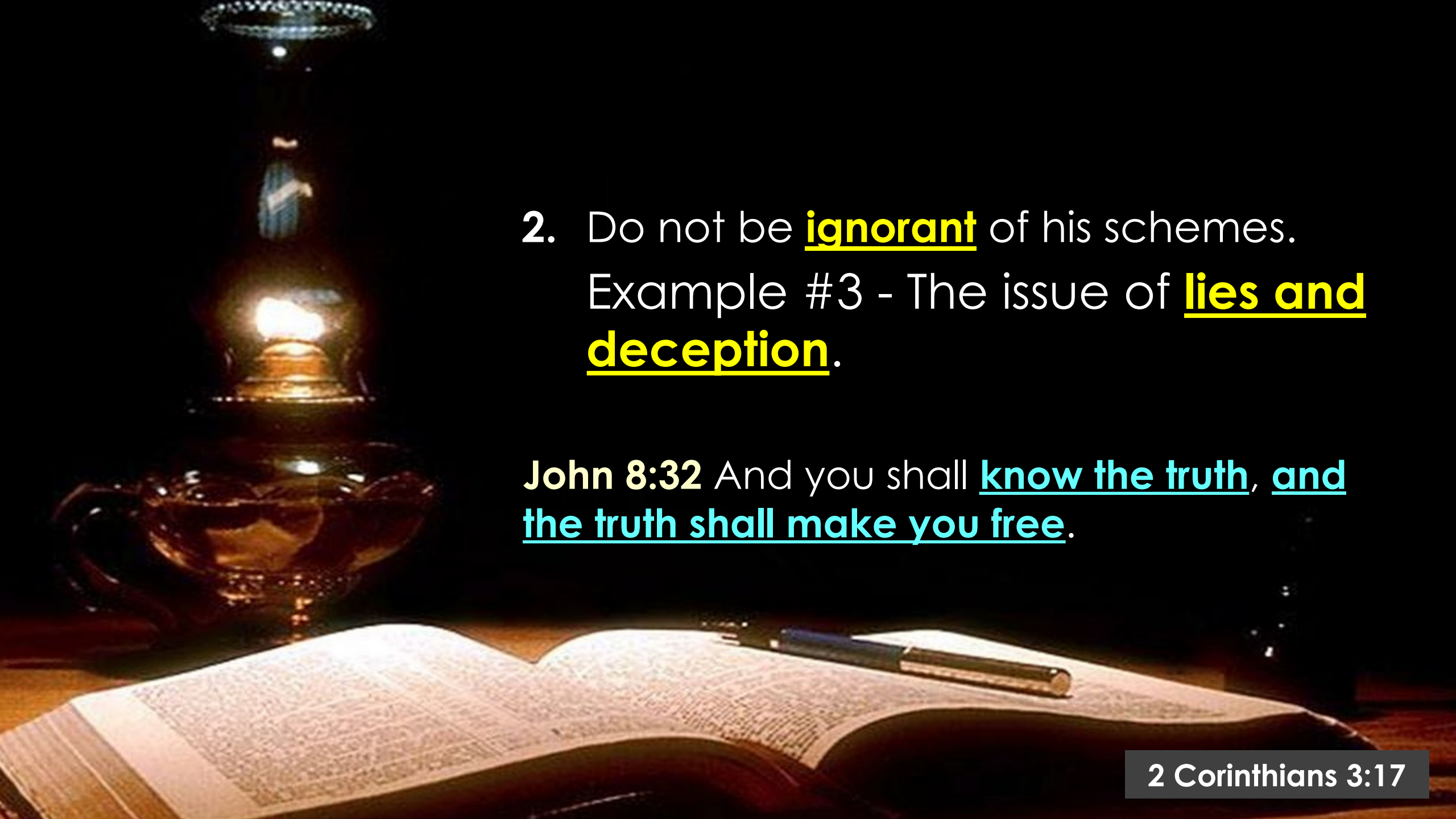




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Example #2 - The issue of fear.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

A lit oil lamp with a glass chimney and a brass base sits on a wooden surface. The lamp is lit, casting a warm glow. In the foreground, an open book with aged, yellowed pages lies flat. A pen or quill rests on the right page of the book. The background is dark, making the lamp and book the central focus.

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Example #3 - The issue of lies and deception.

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

A person in silhouette is standing in a doorway, looking out. The background is bright, creating a strong contrast with the dark interior and the person's silhouette.

I. How to overcome the evil one?

3. Do not give him a ground-foothold in your life

Ephesians 4:26-27

26 “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, **27** nor give place (footfold) to the devil.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober (self-controlled), be vigilant (alert); because your adversary (enemy) the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.



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A. Via sins.

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Galatians 5:19-21

3. Do not give him a ground-foothold in your life.
B. Via involvement in unclean things.

2 Corinthians 6:17 Therefore
“Come out from among them
and be separate, says the
Lord. Do not touch what is
unclean, and I will receive
you.”




Idols, Objects, Practices
Mixtures
Ungodly Soul-Ties

I. How to overcome the evil one?

4. The evil one contends with the Christ in us.

Overcome the evil one by knowing and standing on the finished works of Christ on the Cross.

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.



James 4:6-7-guard pride+presumption
Wise +Innocent -Adam-Solomon-Lucifer
Blood-Forgiveness+Cleansing+Covering

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II. How to overcome the world?

Two major areas in the world to overcome:

1. Trouble in the world
2. Love of the world





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1. Trouble in the world. (1 John 5:19-world under the sway of evil one)

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Trouble in the world because of Fallen Corrupt People
and Fallen Corrupt Systems



Two major areas in the world to overcome:

1. **Trouble** in the world.

1 John 5:4-5

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5** Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Overcome the trouble in the world by being
Rooted to the **Word** and Connected to the **Holy Spirit**

Working Knowledge of the Word and
Ongoing Prayer Connect (details) with the Holy Spirit

Two major areas in the world to overcome:

1. Trouble in the world.

EG: 2 Chronicles 20 - Jehoshaphat vs Vast Enemies

A. Focus on the Lord more than the problem.

B. Guard the heart from hardening from disappointments

C. Recall the faithfulness of the Lord over the years in your life.

D. Acknowledge your weakness vis-à-vis the problem.



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E. Magnify the Lord in thanksgiving, praise & worship.

F. Act with the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit and godly counsel. **James 1:5; 3:17**

G. Persevere by standing on the Promises of God.

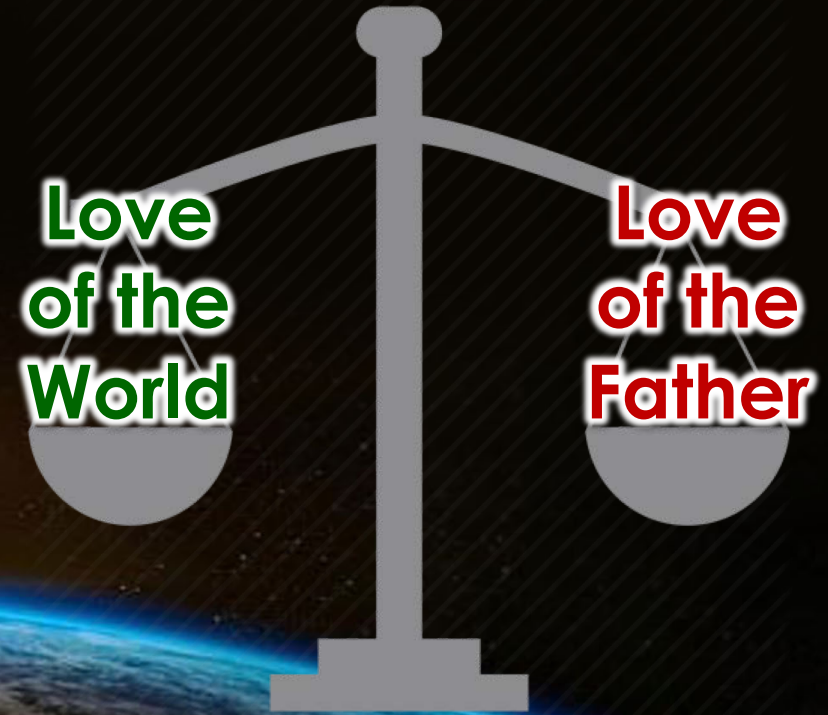
Rom8:28; Gen50:20; Rom15:13



Two major areas in the world to overcome:

2. Love of the world.

(Luke 4:5-7-devil offers Kns ofworld+authority+glory)

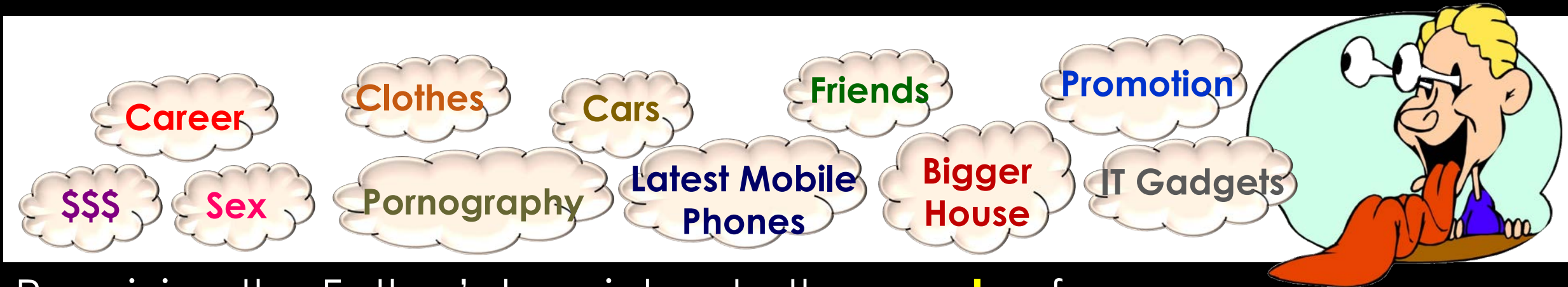


1 John 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world.

If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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 the world.

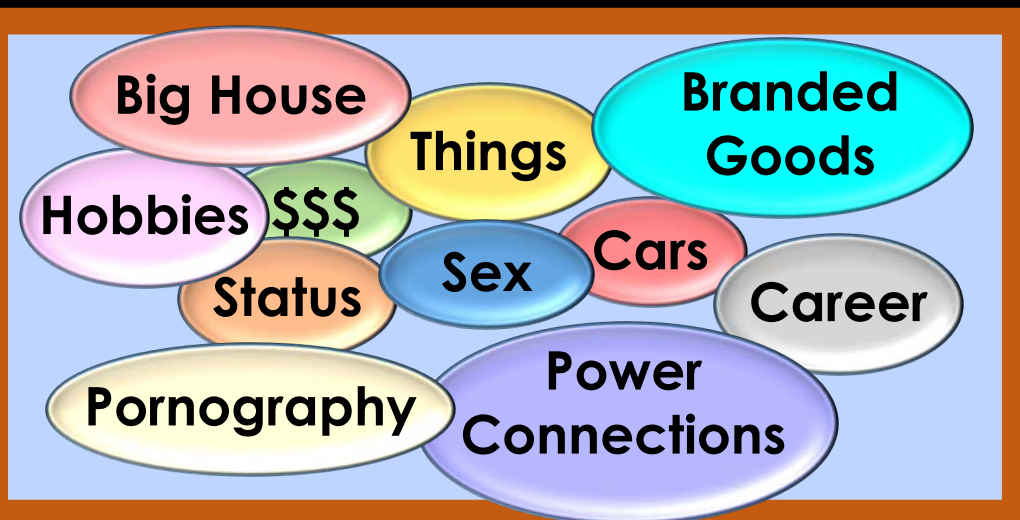
A. The lust of the eyes is what we see that leads to every imagination in our hearts and minds to crave for them.



Receiving the Father's love is key to the supply of our needs to overcome the lust of the eyes.

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B. The lust of the flesh is what we actually experience in our lives from the lust of the eyes.



Receiving the Father's love is key to our satisfaction in our life to overcome the lust of the flesh.

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C. The pride of life is all about our significance and self-esteem which we seek from:

- ✓ Human relationships
- ✓ Power connections
- ✓ Works and performance
- ✓ Position and pride
- ✓ Possessions



Examples of struggles of believers in the world

1. Discontentment
2. Comparison
3. Fear of missing-losing out
4. Heavy financial commitments
5. Relationship problems
6. Fear of Commitment
7. Lack sense of direction/
purpose
8. Poor Time Management
9. Lack discipline
10. See no need for accountability
11. Lust
12. Uncontrolled leisure
13. Insecurity
14. Self-centeredness
15. Double-mindedness
16. Very strong-will (want to do it his way)
17. Unresolved issues – Wounded so hurt
others
18. Unrealistic expectations
19. Pride – think we know better
20. Lack resilience



II. How to overcome the world?

The Spirit of the world contends with the Father's Love.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

We overcome the world by
walking as Sons of God,
not as orphans.

ORPHAN SPIRIT

VS

SPIRIT OF SONSHIP

HOW WE VIEW GOD

- Sees God as taskmaster
- Motivated by performance in attempts to please Him
- When frustrated, reacts with anger and fits of rage

- Sees God as loving Father
- Motivated by love and gratitude to delight Him
- Rested knowing that God is sovereign & all powerful.

HOW WE VIEW OURSELVES

- Insecure, striving for approval
- Lacks self-esteem

- Rests secure in God's grace
- Walks in His love, acceptance

HOW WE VIEW OTHERS

- Jealous of others' success
- Always competing with others
- Uses people as objects to fulfil goals

- Honours, rejoices with others
- Always blessing others
- Serves people to bless the kingdom

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III. How to overcome the self-life?

1. We need to understand spiritual life.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I (fallen, natural, flesh, carnal) who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh (body) I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Luke 9:23
VCF Days

III. How to overcome the self-life?

2. We need to learn to live by the Spirit.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Galatians 5:16, 18, 25

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



III. How to overcome the self-life?
2. We need to learn to live
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Romans 8:5-6

5 For those who live according to the flesh
set their minds on the things of the flesh,
but those who live according to the Spirit,
the things of the Spirit. **6** For to be carnally
minded is death, but to be spiritually
minded is life and peace.



Guard, carnal, prayers-responses

2. We need to learn to live by the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:22-24

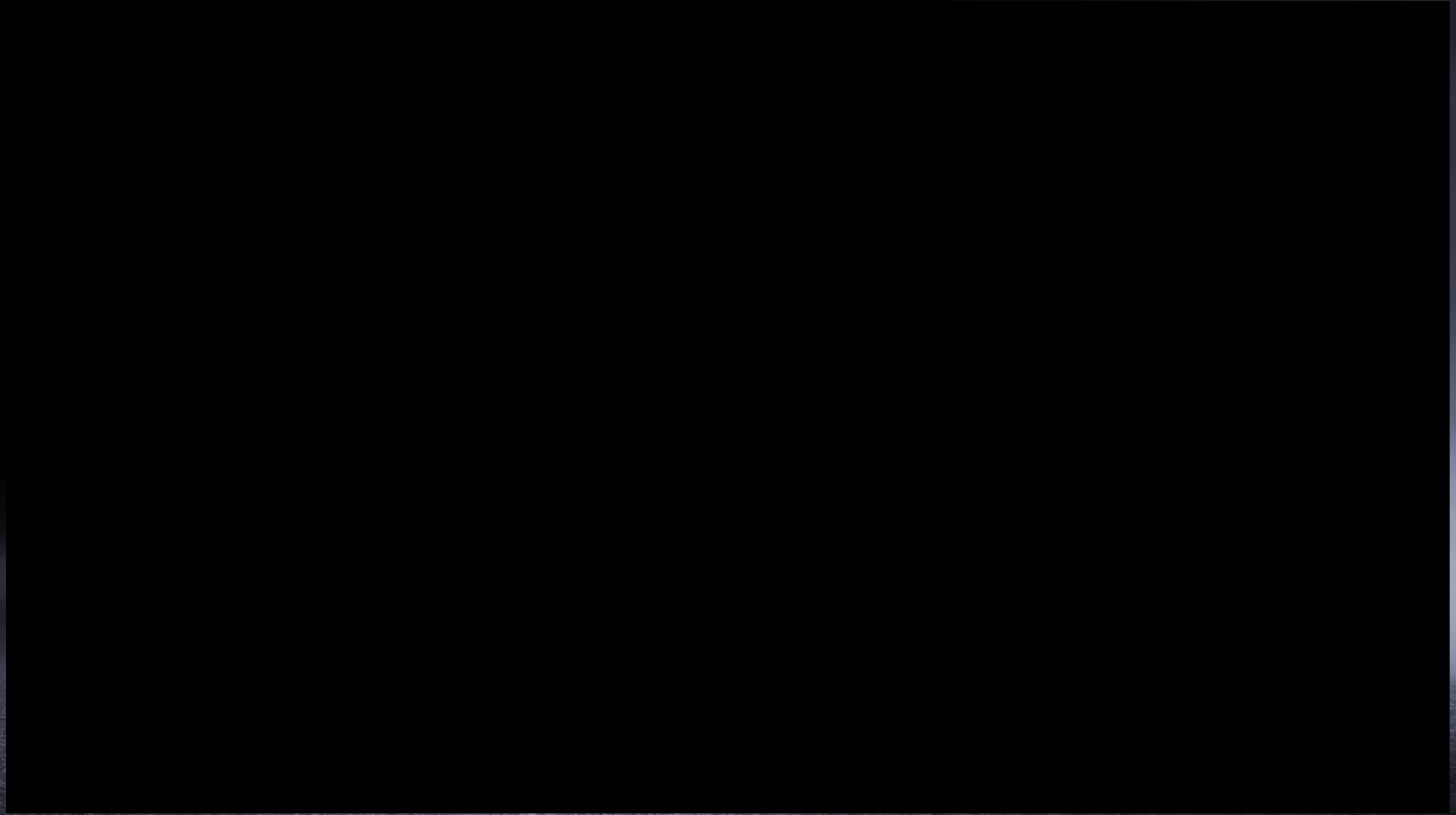
22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, **23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24** and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.



VIDEO#1



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BREAKTHROUGHS

Struggling Believer

A season of being sin conscious & guilty

Still constantly guilty

Sinning

Hiding

Easily hurt

Condemned

Blame-shifting

Constantly offended

Excuse-making

Feeling unappreciated

Overcomer Believer

A season of being God-conscious!

Growing spiritually

Maturing in Christ

Good Testimony

Breakthroughs

Walking in victory

Overcomer

Sharing Christ

Let us draw near to God fully assured in Faith
Let us hold fast the confession of
our hope without wavering

VIDEO#2



VIDEO#2

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VIDEO

- ✓ Discipline + Perseverance to finish well
- ✓ Be overcomers of the various obstacles
- ✓ Run the race of life with your loved ones

A large white cross is centered in the upper half of the image, glowing against a sunset sky with orange and purple clouds. Below the cross, a dirt path winds through a grassy field towards the horizon. The overall scene is peaceful and spiritual.

SUMMARY

1. The evil one contends with the Christ in us.
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2. The Spirit of the world contends with the Father's Love.
We overcome the world by walking as Sons of God, not as orphans.
3. The flesh contends with the Holy Spirit in us.
We overcome the flesh by walking in the Spirit.