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The World's View

We live in the midst of the fastest moving culture in all of human history. Every day, we are bombarded by over three and a half thousand advertisements, each one, a signpost to change our story. What an amazing degree of choice, what an amazing degree of freedom. If we don't stop to think we can find ourselves chasing things like gadgets, clothes, relationships or sexual conquests. *We're suddenly coerced into a pattern of thinking and a pattern of living.*

Whether it feels like it or not, you can be a disciple of Jesus - who makes a difference. *It's not guaranteed that you will make a difference because like it or not, you are in a battle.* It's a battle for what we choose to believe. And it takes place in our minds.

God gives you:

Significance - Security - Acceptance

It's not what people think about you. It's not what you think about yourself, it's what God thinks about you. *We must choose to allow God's perspective to influence how we live.*

The Bible Says the World is an Enemy

- The world promises that if you gain wealth and status you will be secure.
- The world promises security if we have large bank accounts.
- The world wants you to have a big house and fancy cars.
- The world encourages us to show off our money to prove important status.

Jesus' Words on Treasure—*Mathew 6:19-21*

- **19** "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.
- **20** Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.
- **21** Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

When it comes to overcoming the world, it's about knowing and choosing to believe the truth.

15 Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. **16** For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. **17** And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever. **1 John 2:15-17**

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Truth and Lies About Sex

Truth:

When you have sex with somebody, you literally join spiritually with them.

When the sexual act is over you stay connected, even if it's just a one night stand.

God intended sex to be with a lifetime partner between one man and one woman - committed to each other.

God desires you to wait until you find that special lifetime partner, your husband or your wife.

Lies:

A really big lie in our culture is that casual sex brings joy and intimacy, but instead it leaves us feeling really empty and unfulfilled.

Your Takeaway

The danger for many of us when we become Christians is we simply just add Jesus to what we already believe without it actually changing our core beliefs. What we need to do is take a Biblical worldview, God's perspective and use that as our baseline, through which we then see everything else in our world. *We must choose to allow God's perspective to influence how we live.*

Romans 12: 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.