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Genesis 3:6

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food (**desires of the flesh**), and that it was a delight to the eyes, (**desires of the eyes**) and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, (**the pride of life**) she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

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Luke 4:1-13: And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness **2** for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. **3** The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” (which is the **desires of the flesh**) **4** And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” **5** And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world (the devil tempting Jesus w/ the **lust of the eyes**) in a moment of time, **6** and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. **7** If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” **8** And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”

“Finally, from the pinnacle of the temple, the Devil challenged Him” **9** And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, **10** for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,” **11** and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.” (the **pride of Life**) **12** And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” **13** And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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There is within the human heart a tough, fibrous root of fallen life whose nature is to possess. It covets “things” with a deep and fierce passion. The pronouns “my” and “mine” look innocent enough in print, but their constant and universal use is significant. They express the real nature of the old Adamic man better than a thousand volumes of theology could do. They are verbal symptoms of our deep disease. The roots of our hearts have grown down into things, and we dare not pull up one rootlet lest we die. Things have become necessary to us, a development never originally intended. God’s gifts now take the place of God, and the whole course of nature is upset by the monstrous substitution. + A.W. Tozer (The Pursuit of God, 22)

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And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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Things of the World

Things of the Father

The focus is on me

The focus is on God

Make as much money as possible

Give money away, and spend yourself on others

Live comfortably

Life is not about comfort, but doing hard things now so that we can reap eternal rewards.

Make a name for yourself

Make HIS name great

Do whatever makes you happiest

Do whatever makes God happiest

Teach your children to love themselves and seek self-fulfillment

Teach your children to love and obey God

Look like a model in a magazine and turn your physical appearance into an idol

Treat your body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and cultivate an inner beauty

Things of the World

Things of the Father

Offer “acts of service” when you feel like it

Be a servant, even when it is uncomfortable or inconvenient

Stay married as long as your spouse meets your needs

Serve your spouse (the way Christ modeled servanthood), & choose to love him/her for life

Come across as powerful, influential, and/or interesting

Give preference to others in words and actions

Use (worldly) wisdom to accrue wealth

Value true wisdom (which is the fear of God) over all the treasures on earth

Stay up to date with the fashions

Be content just to have clothes

The things of the world are passing away

The things of the Father will abide forever

I do the will of the world

I do the will of the FATHER

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If then you have been raised with Christ, **seek the things that are above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, **not on things that are on earth**. **3** For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is your[a] life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death therefore **what is earthly** in you:[b] sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. **6** On account of these the wrath of God is coming.[c] **7** In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. **8** But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self[d] with its practices **10** and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. **11** Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave,[e] free; **but Christ is all, and in all.**

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Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

(1 Corinthians 10: 31)

Our Greatest Concern/Interest should be the worship and love of God

Westminster Confession:

Question 1: “What is the chief end of man?”

Answer 1 : “Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever”