



# UNFRIENDING THE WORLD

James 4:1-5

*“Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” (James 4:4b)*

This does NOT mean avoiding \_\_\_\_\_.

*John 3:16, Mt. 5:14, Matt. 9:10-13, 1 Cor. 5:10*

It means avoiding \_\_\_\_\_ in our own lives.

*“...to keep oneself unstained by the world.” (James 1:27)*

There is a \_\_\_\_\_ that is directed by \_\_\_\_\_.

*“...the ruler of this world is coming, but he has nothing in Me.” (John 14:30)*

*“... greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)*

*“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” (1 John 4:4-5)*

## THE CHRISTIAN’S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD:

- Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ like the world.

*“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind....” (Rom. 12:2a)*

- Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ like the world.

*“Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.” (Col. 3:2)*

- Don’t give your \_\_\_\_\_ to things of this world.

*“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ...The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.” (1 John 2:14-17)*

- Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ like the world.

*“...there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.” (Eph. 5:4)*

- Don’t be \_\_\_\_\_ by the world’s pleasures.

*“For the grace of God has appeared...instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age....” (Titus 2:11-12, Luke 8:14)*

- Don’t live like this world \_\_\_\_\_.

*“For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Phil. 3:18-19, see Heb. 11:13)*

- Don’t be surprised if the world \_\_\_\_\_.

*“If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.” (John 15:19)*

## WORDS ABOUT WORLDLINESS (James 4:1-5)

- 1) Our \_\_\_\_\_ with others come from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ us. (v. 1)
- 2) When we don’t get what we desperately desire, we tend to \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 2a)
- 3) We don’t \_\_\_\_\_ for what we need. (v. 2b)
- 4) When we do go to Him, we sometimes fail to \_\_\_\_\_ above all. (v. 3)
- 5) We tend to \_\_\_\_\_ from Him and turn to the \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill our desires. (v. 4a)
- 6) When we choose \_\_\_\_\_, we make ourselves God’s \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 4b)
- 7) Worldliness is like \_\_\_\_\_ and it provokes the jealousy of God. (vv. 4-5)