

*Scripture
Reading:*

Galatians 5:19-21

**THE DESIGNED
APPEALS OF
THE WORLD
SYSTEM**

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

Satan is the designer, energizer, and ruler of his Satanic World System:

He has developed this arranged system over fallen mankind in order to

- SUBDUE aspects of man's sin nature that interfere with his purpose
- DIRECT other aspects of man's sin nature to promote his purpose

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

Satan's purpose:

- To try to prevent Christ, the “head-bruise” (Gen 3:5), from coming to Earth initially
- To try to replace Christ's return to the Earth

Bible passages that explain the appeals (lusts/strong desires) and the make-up of Satan's World System

- I Jn 2:15-17
- Gen 4:18-22

Warning to STOP Loving the World System

I John 2:15

This warning is directed specifically to the spiritually growing “young men”

“little born ones” = ALL believers (5x in I Jn - 2:1, 2:12, 28, 3:18, 5:21)

“fathers” = those who have experientially known Christ, i.e. more mature believers

“young men” = those who have grown to the level of maturity in order to be able to successfully put on the armor of Ephesians 6

- **THESE** are the believers that are warned concerning the subtilty of the World System

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STOP loving the World System

Not fondness: friendship of the system

- James 4:4

But agape: trying to fix or improve the world system

- **This would be “abusing” the system**
 - **I Cor 7:31, I Jn 2:17**

Appeal #1: Lust Concerning the Flesh (Sin Nature) I John 2:16

- ◆ Works of the flesh that Satan's World System attempts to **STIFLE, or SUBDUE:**
 - ◆ SEXUAL work-lusts: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness
 - ◆ Gal 5:14
 - ◆ SELF-DESTRUCTION work-lusts: murder, drunkenness, revelings
 - ◆ Gal 5:21

Appeal #1: Lust Concerning the Flesh (Sin Nature) I John 2:16

- ◆ Works of the flesh that Satan's World System attempts to **DIRECT** for his overall program and purpose:
 - ◆ RELIGIOUS work-lusts: Gal 5:20-21a
 - ◆ Idolatry - cf Col 3:5
 - ◆ Religious superstitious awe - cf I Jn 4:1-3
 - ◆ Divisions (KJV "seditions")
 - ◆ Heresies - a preference; choosing

Appeal #1: Lust Concerning the Flesh

(Sin Nature) I John 2:16

◇ Works of the flesh that Satan's World System attempts to **DIRECT** for his overall program and purpose:

◇ EMOTIONAL work-lusts:

◇ Zeal - (KJV "emulations")

◇ Strife - contentious dispassion

◇ Envy - displeasure of another's good

◇ Selfishness - (KJV "strife")

◇ Anger - (KJV "wrath") a strong passion of the mind

◇ Hatred - open, hostile enmity

CONCLUSION

- ◆ Satan's World System attempts to either PREVENT or DIRECT the works of man's sin nature in order to attain his purposes.
- ◆ God's provision for the NT believer with reference to his sin nature isn't to control or positively direct it, but to reckon (count true) yourself dead to it!
 - ◆ I Jn 2:17 "And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever (into the age)"