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# LOVE NOT THE WORLD part 2



## THE LUST OF THE EYES



LOVE NOT THE WORLD

**1 John 2:15** Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.



# EYES OF THE WORLD

**1 John 2:16** For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.







# THE WORLD AND ITS DESIRES SHALL PASS AWAY

**1 John 2:17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.



# LUST OF THE EYES



# covetous

adjective • UK  /'kʌv.i.təs/ US  /'kʌv.ə.təs/ FORMAL DISAPPROVING

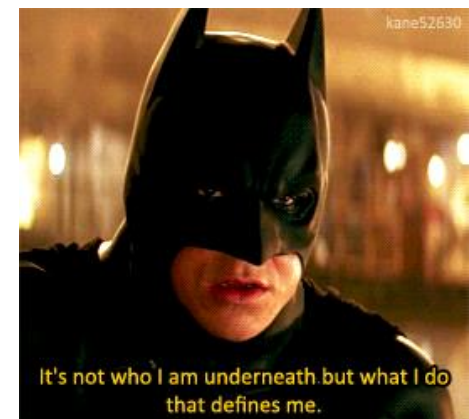
★ wanting to have something too much, especially something that belongs to someone else:

*I can't help casting covetous looks at my neighbour's new Porsche.*

— Thesaurus: synonyms and related words

## Envy and jealousy

all right   be green with envy *idiom*   covet   covetable   enviable   envious  
envy   green   grudge   jealous   **jealousy**   possessive





# LUST OF THE EYES



**Genesis 2:15**  
And the LORD  
God took the  
man, and put him  
into the garden of  
Eden to dress it  
and to keep it.



# LUST OF THE EYES



## **Genesis 2:16**

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

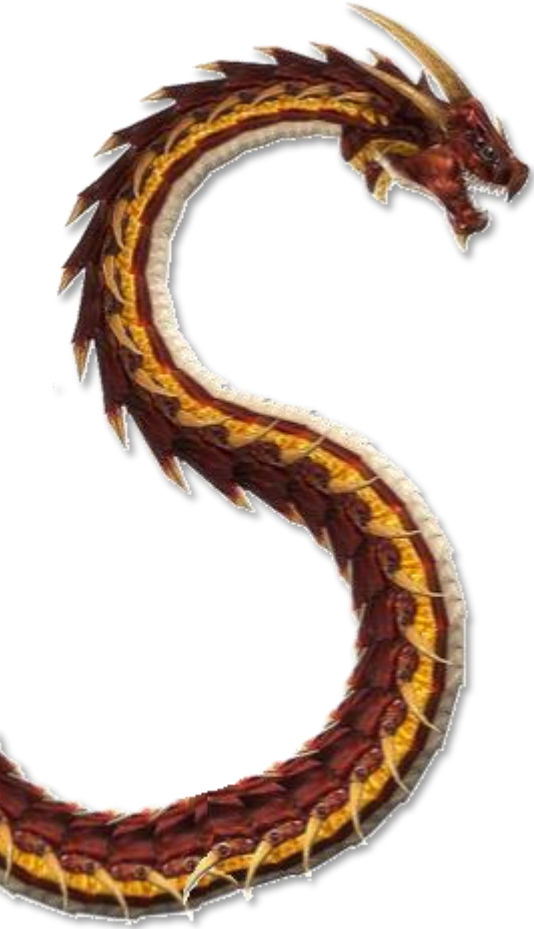
# LUST OF THE EYES



**Genesis 2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

# LUST OF THE EYES

**Genesis 3:1** Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?





# LUST OF THE EYES



**Genesis 3:2** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

# LUST OF THE EYES



**Genesis 3:3** But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

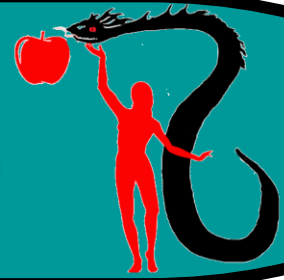
# LUST OF THE EYES

**Genesis 3:4-5** And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, **then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods,** knowing good and evil.





# LUST OF THE EYES



**Genesis 3:6** And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one wise*, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.



# The Original Sins

**EVE**

**SIN**

**saw that the tree was  
good for food**

**Lust of the Flesh**

**was pleasant to the  
eyes**

**Lust of the Eyes**

**a tree to be desired to  
make one wise (as  
God)**

**Pride of Life**

# COVETOUS EYES

**2 Peter 2:12-13** But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; **and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;** And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, *as* they that count it pleasure to **riot in the day time.** Spots *they are* and blemishes, **sporting themselves with their own deceivings** while they feast with you;<sub>17</sub>



# COVETOUS EYES

**2 Peter 2:14-16** Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son of Bosor*, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

# EYES OF THE HEART

**Matthew 6:19-21** Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



# EYES OF THE HEART

**Matthew 6:22-23** The **light** of the body is the **eye**: if therefore thine **eye be single**, thy whole body shall be full of **light**. But if thine **eye be evil**, thy whole body shall be full of **darkness**. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!



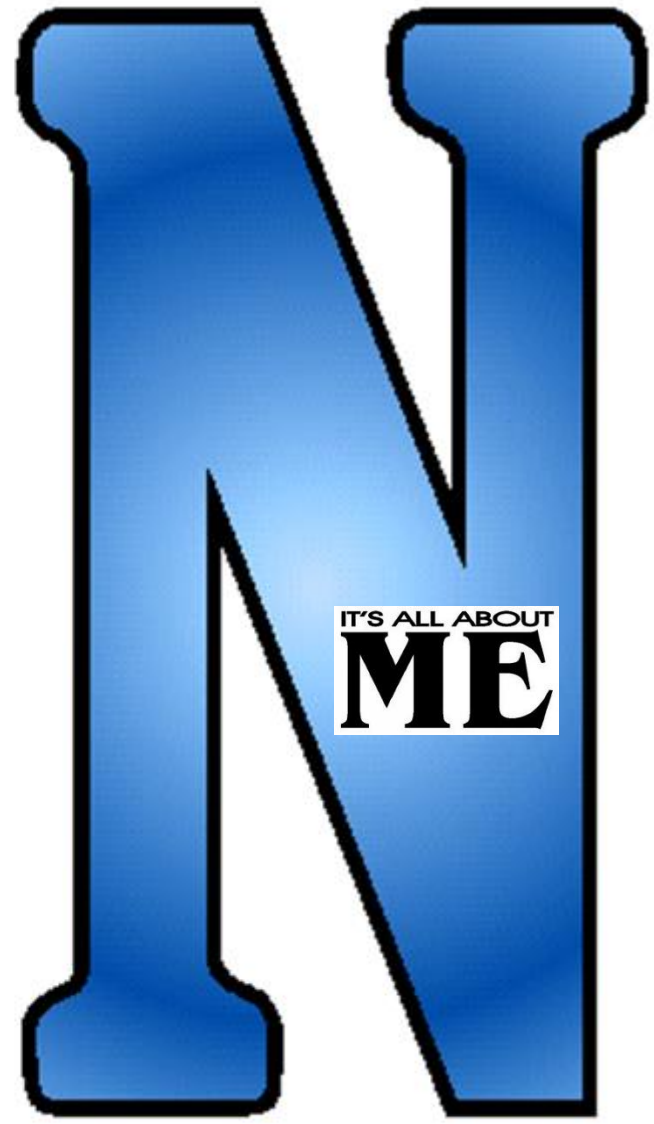
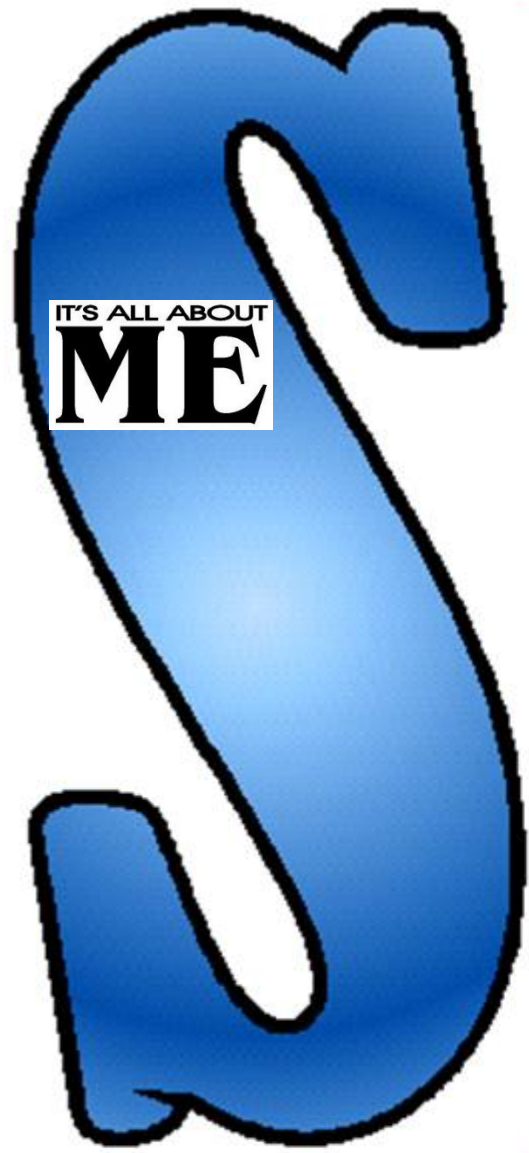
# 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment

## LUST OF THE EYES

**Exodus 20:17** Thou shalt not **covet** thy neighbour's house, thou shalt **not covet** thy neighbour's wife, **nor** his manservant, **nor** his maidservant, **nor** his ox, nor his ass, **nor any thing** that *is* thy neighbour's.



THERE IS AN "I" AT THE CENTER OF EVERY SIN!



# Never Satisfied

**Ecclesiastes 4:8** There is one *alone*, and *there is* not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet *is there* no end of all his labour; **neither is his eye satisfied with riches**; neither *saith he*, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? **This *is* also vanity, yea, it *is* a sore travail.**



# Never Satisfied

**Ecclesiastes 5:10-11** He that loveth silver **shall not be satisfied** with silver; **nor he that loveth abundance with increase:** this *is* also **vanity**. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good *is there* to the owners thereof, **saving the beholding *of them* with their eyes?**



# Achan's Breakin' Heart

**Joshua 7:20-21** And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed **I have sinned against the LORD God** of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then **I coveted them**, and took them; and, behold, they *are* hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

# David / Bathsheba

**2 Samuel 11:2-4** And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof **he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon.** And David sent and inquired after the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, **the wife of Uriah the Hittite?** And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

# David / Bathsheba

**2 Samuel 11:14-17** And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, **Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.** And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men *were*. And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: **and there fell *some* of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.**

# David / Bathsheba

**2 Samuel 12:18-19** And it came to pass on the seventh day, that **the child died**. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, **Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.**

# Pharisees Covetous

**Luke 16:13-14** No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. And the Pharisees also, **who were covetous**, heard all these things: and they derided him.



# Judas The Covetous

**Matthew 26:14-16** Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said *unto them*, **What will ye give me**, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for **thirty pieces of silver**. **And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.**

# Judas The Covetous

**John 12:4-6** Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; **but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.**

# **Covetousness Makes God Mad**

**Psalms 10:3** For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

**Isaiah 57:17** For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.

# Leaders to Hate Covetousness

**Exodus 18:19-20** Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

# Leaders to Hate Covetousness

**Exodus 18:21** Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people **able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness**; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:



# Leaders to Hate Covetousness

**Exodus 18:22** And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee.

# Leaders to Hate Covetousness

**Proverbs 28:16** The prince that wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressor: ***but*** he that hateth covetousness shall prolong ***his*** days.

# Covetous Company?

**1 Corinthians 5:9-13** I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, **or with the covetous**, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or **covetous**, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

# Covetousness Defiles

**Mark 7:20-23** And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. **For from within, out of the heart of men,** proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, **covetousness,** wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, **an evil eye,** blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.**



# Sneaky Covetousness

**Luke 12:15-17** And he said unto them,  
Take heed, and **beware of covetousness**: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?



# Sneaky Covetousness



**Luke 12:18-20** And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, **Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry.** But

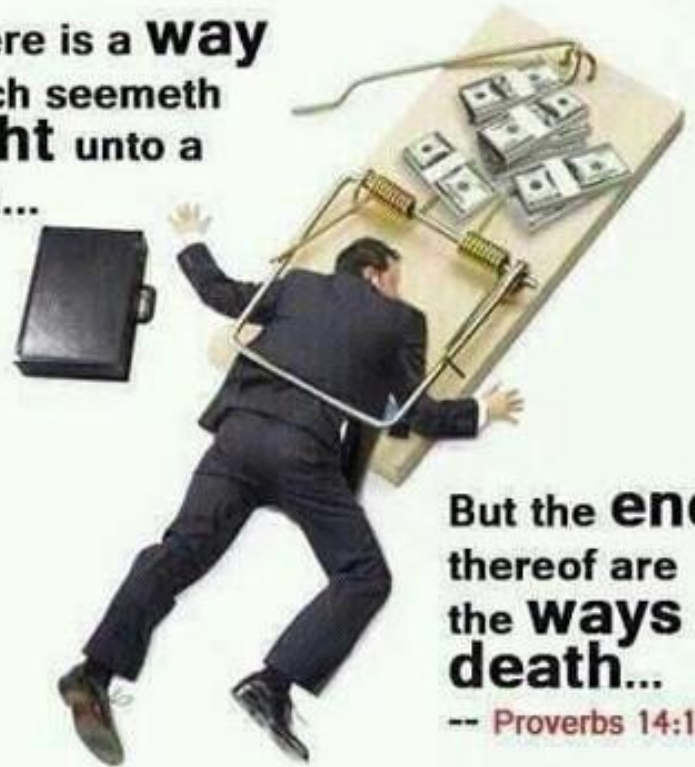
God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

# Covetousness Kills

**Proverbs 1:16-19** For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives. So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

There is a **way** which seemeth **right** unto a man...



But the **end** thereof are the **ways** of **death**...

-- Proverbs 14:12

"For the love of money is the root of all evil." 1 Tim 6:10



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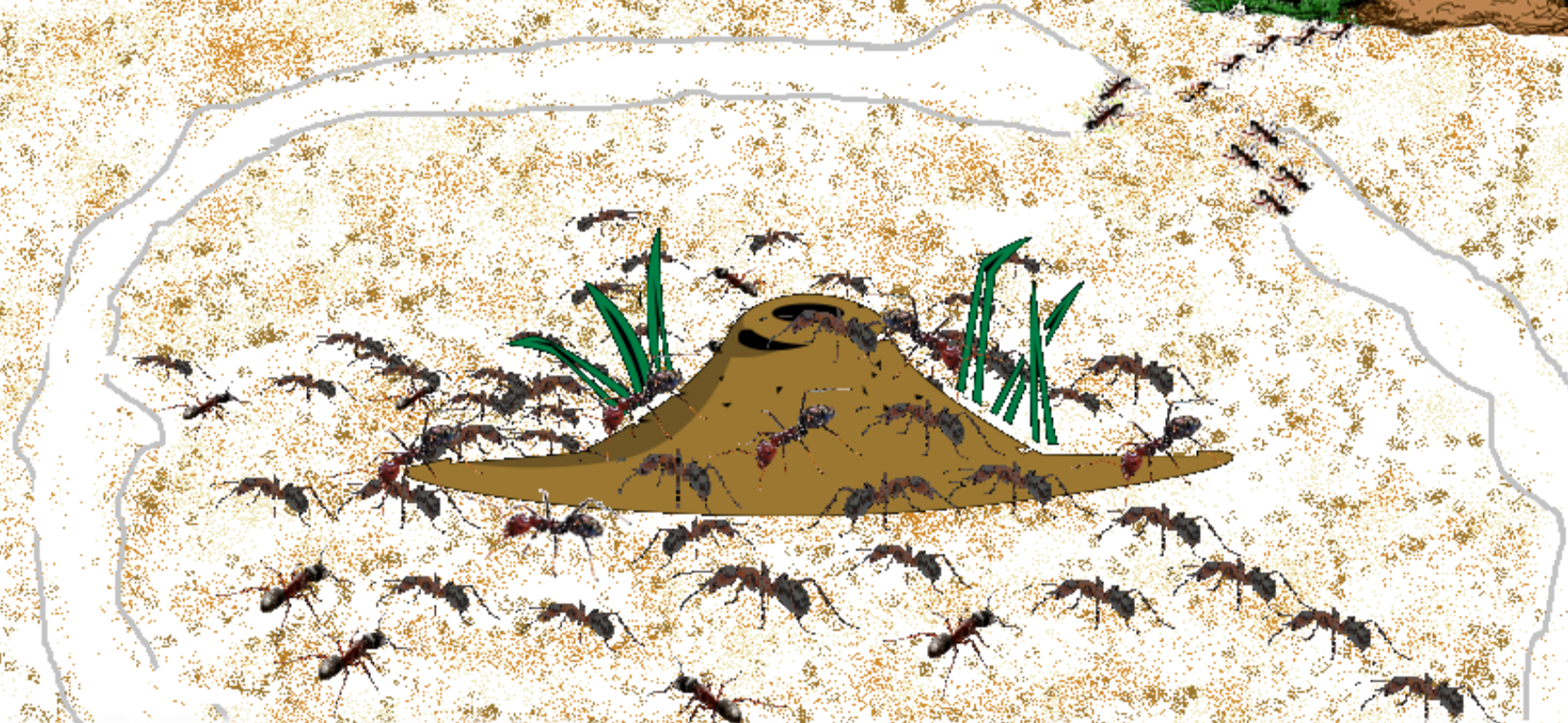
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**2 Corinthians 10:12** For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

# Oppose Covetousness

**Luke 12:21-23** So *is* he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body *is more* than raiment.





# God Himself Cares For You

**Luke 12:24-26** Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them:

**how much more are ye better**

**than the fowls?** And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?



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**Luke 12:27-29** Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; **how much more** *will he clothe you*, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.



# God Himself Cares For You

**Luke 12:30-32** For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and **your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**

# Covet The Good / Eternal

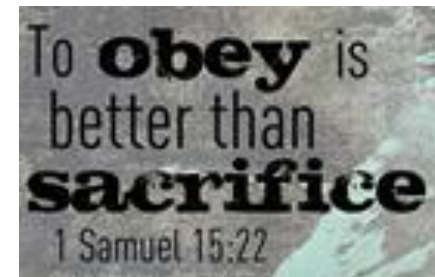
**Luke 12:33-35** Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.** Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning;





# Hear and Do

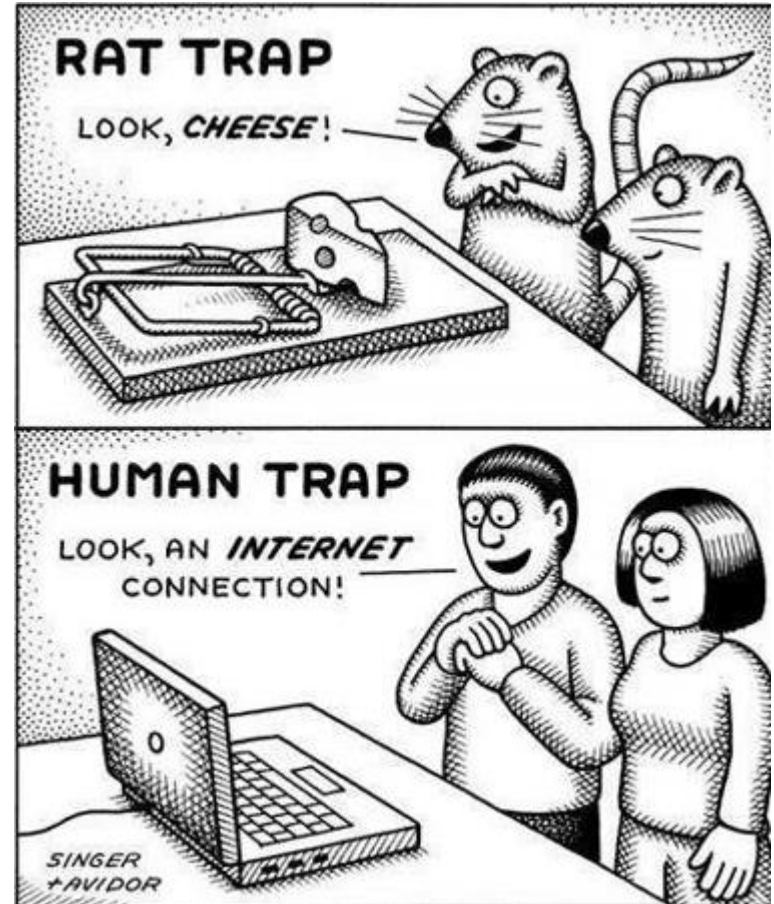
**Ezekiel 33:30-31** Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD. And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee *as* my people, **and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, *but* their heart goeth after their covetousness.**





# Endure Temptation

**James 1:12-13** Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:







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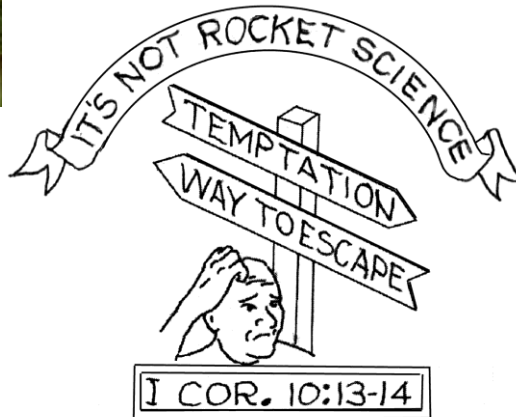
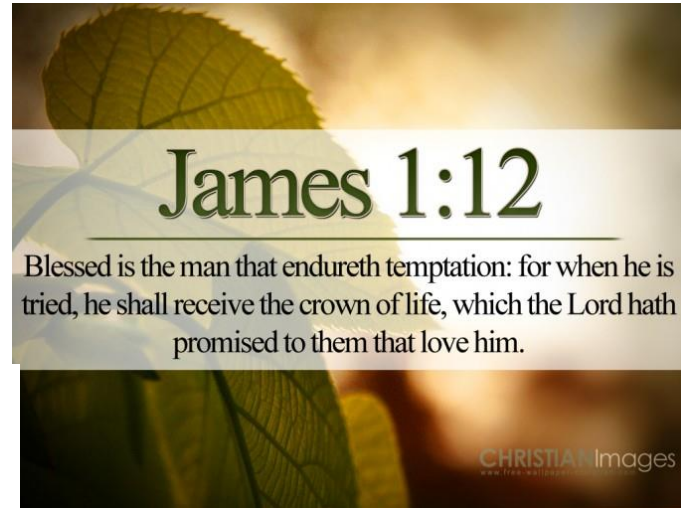
**James 1:14-15** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.



**Proverbs 27:20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.**

# Fight Temptation

**1 Corinthians 10:13-14** There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, **that ye may be able to bear it.** Wherefore, my dearly beloved, **flee** from idolatry.



# Fight Temptation

**James 4:7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**1 Peter 5:8-9** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

# Love Jesus = Strive Vs Sin

## Hebrews 12:2-4 Looking unto Jesus

the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. **For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.**

# Love Jesus = Strive Vs Sin

Psalms 101:2 **I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.** O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with **a perfect heart.** 3 **I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:** I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.



# Love Jesus = Strive Vs Sin

Proverbs 4:23 **Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.** 24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. 25 **Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.** 26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. 27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.



# Love Jesus = Strive Vs Sin

Matthew 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

**28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee:**

for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

# Love Jesus = Strive Vs Sin

Isaiah 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites.

Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? 15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, **and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;**

# Love Jesus = Strive Vs Sin

Psalms 119:35-36 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein **do I delight.**  
**Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.**

# Put Off/Put On

**Psalms 119:37-38 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity** [NKJV: from looking at worthless things]; and quicken thou me in thy way. Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who *is devoted* to thy fear.



# Put Off/ Put On

**Ephesians 5:1-3** Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, **or covetousness,** let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

# Put Off/ Put On

**Ephesians 5:4-6** Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: **but rather giving of thanks.** For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, **nor covetous man**, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.



# Put Off/ Put On

**Colossians 3:1-4** If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **Set your affection on things above**, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, *who is our life*, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

# Put Off/ Put On

**Colossians 3:5-6** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, **inordinate affection, evil concupiscence,** and **covetousness,** which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

# Put Off/Put On

**Ephesians 4:22-24** That ye **put off** concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye **put on** the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

# Covet The Good / Eternal

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**Matthew 6:33 But seek  
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# VICTORY!

The key to winning the battle over sin is simple: We must feed our spiritual nature (2 Cor. 4:16, Rom. 12:1-2) through things such as prayer (Rom. 12:12), Bible study (Matt. 4:4), meditation (Ps. 119:97-99), fasting (Isa. 58), listening to sermons and Bible studies (Rom. 10:14), fellowshiping with God's people (Heb. 10:24-25) and MOST OF ALL using God's Holy Spirit (Eph. 3:16-20, Rom. 8:1-4).

# VICTORY!

We also must starve our sinful side by bringing every thought into captivity (2 Cor. 10:5) and fleeing temptation (1 Cor. 6:18). Sin depends upon and grows out of the believing of certain lies. The first is "X" is good for me. Sin results from the misbelief that something contrary to the Word of God is good for you (Jam. 1:14-15). The second common untruth is, "I can't help myself". This sin says, "I've got to do it. I am helpless to stop myself. The temptation is bigger than I am," which God says is false in 1 Corinthians 10:13

# HIDE THE WORD IN YOUR HEART



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