



**Romans 12:2** “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God...”

The \_\_\_\_\_ is the pull of the world with its patterns versus the process of letting the light and life of Christ have full sway.

### **1. Recognize the tension, its sources, and Who alone can help.**

**a) Romans 7:24** “Who will deliver me from this body of death?”

- We need an active relationship with Christ.
- He sent the Helper and gave us the Word.

### **2. Recognize your \_\_\_\_\_ in “testing” and “make every effort”.**

**a) Romans 12:2** “... that by testing you may discern....”

**b) 2 Peter 1:5** “For this very reason, make every effort to...”

**c) Colossians 3:9-13** Recognize what to “put off” and what to “put on”.

### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ to the exhortations and warnings from God’s Word.**

**a) Remaining steadfast, ready, watchful – not retreating from faith**

Galatians 5:1

Philippians 1:27

2 Peter 3:17

Ephesians 6:13-14

**b) \_\_\_\_\_ – don’t hold unforgiveness**

Matthew 6:14

Luke 17:4

Ephesians 4:32

**c) Be \_\_\_\_\_ rather than permit sexual immorality by what you do, think, or watch.**

Matthew 5:27-30, 15:18-19

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

1 Peter 2:11-12

2 Pet 2:4-10

**d) Be a servant of Christ, loving others – not \_\_\_\_\_ seeking power, wealth, and pleasures**

Luke 9:24

Luke 12:30-34

Matthew 6:33, 13:22-23

James 5:1-6

1 Pet 4:9-10

**Be in Christ – Be in the Word – Obey the Spirit – Be in Fellowship**

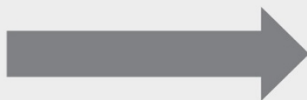
## Reflection Questions

1. Where am I currently feeling the greatest tension between the patterns of this world and the life Christ is calling me to live?
2. Am I trying to overcome that tension through my own strength, or am I actively depending on Christ, His Word, and the Holy Spirit to change me?
3. What is God asking me to “put off,” and what Christlike attitude or behavior do I need to “put on”? (***Colossians 3:9–13***)
4. Which biblical warning do I most need to heed right now—*remain steadfast, forgive, pursue purity, or reject the pursuit of power, wealth, and pleasure?*
5. Of these four practices—*Be in Christ, Be in the Word, Obey the Spirit, Be in Fellowship*—which one needs greater attention in my life this week, and what will I do about it?

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