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Transforming or Conforming

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ROMANS 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

JOHN 15:18-20

18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

JOHN 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

WORLDLY DEFINITION

More concerned with material values than our spiritual existence

TWEET

Religion – your sin breaks God's law Relationship – your sin breaks God's heart

TWEET

I don't want to gospel that fits my life I want one that transforms it

TWEET

If you're comfortable in your sin get uncomfortable

ROMANS 12:2

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HEBREWS 10:25

...not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

WORLDLY

The talents, riches, advantages and pleasures which kindle our desires or seduce us away from God

QUOTE

Worldliness is what any culture does to make any sin look normal and righteousness look strange

MARK 8:36

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

1 TIMOTHY 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

JAMES 4:4

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

ISAIAH 26:3 (NIV)

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

ISAIAH 26:3 (KJV)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

MATTHEW 7:13-14

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. "A" But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

PSALM 119:5 (KJV)

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

PSALM 119:11 (KJV)

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

THOUGHT

We only really believe the parts of the Bible we obey. -Unknown