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1 John 2:15-17

In a healthy church, mature believers nurture young believers and young believers are open to being taught.

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Who do you love?

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World
The beliefs, desires, and affections that oppose God.

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2 Timothy 4:9-10

Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.

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James 4:4

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

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Ephesians 2:1-3

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John 15:18-19

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

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The world's hatred of you can be a sign that you are not of this world.

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Ezekiel 36:26-27

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Desires of the flesh
Sensual desires that gratify our sin nature.

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Galatians 5:19-21

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1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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Desires of the eyes

The eyes are the portal to enjoy much of God's creation, but also a portal for sin.

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Matthew 5:27-28

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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Job 31:1

"I have made a covenant with my eyes;
how then could I gaze at a virgin?"

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If the most righteous man on earth made such a covenant with his eyes what does that say for us?

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Pride of Life

Taking pride in the stupidity of living a life
that is opposed to God.

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Luke 12:13-21

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Matthew 6:19-24

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The sinful world lives for the here and now,
but we are supposed to know better.

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John 14:1-3

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Instead of focusing on how much we
can acquire here on earth, which will
only pass away, we take rest in
knowing that God Himself has
prepared an eternal home for us.

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