

The Spiritual War in Your Home, Part 4 | the infiltrator enemy

I. The World represents all that is opposite of God.

- Ephesians 2:1; I John 2:15-17
- The Lust of the Flesh, the Lust of the Eyes, and the Pride of Life are described as being all that's in the World and also not what comes from the Father. Verse 17 then told us that all that's in the World is passing away. None of it will be redeemable in the new Heaven and new Earth.

II. The World System hates God's followers.

- John 17:14; John 15:18-19
- Jesus shows us that we don't belong to the World and so, therefore, will be hated by it

III. The World System is under the authority of Satan.

- Ephesians 2:1-2; II Corinthians 4:3-4
- Satan is called the prince of the power of the air and the god of this world.

IV. Christians are to reject the World in their lives.

- Romans 12:1-2; Titus 2:11-14; Mark 8:36; James 4:4
- We are called to live a life that is diametrically opposed to all for which the World stands. What could the World and its Failure Philosophies possibly have to offer us? Born again believers may struggle with temptation from the World, but ultimately, they will not be conformed to its image.

V. What's the Difference between the World and the People in the World?

- The World System is made up of individual people who embrace its Failure Philosophies and reject God's Truth. But we must not ever forget that our conflict is **not against flesh and blood**.
- The individuals that make up the World are *not* our enemy. These are the people for which Christ died! These are the people we're commanded to love and with whom we're to share the Gospel. All current believers were formerly part of the World System.
- The World System itself is our enemy. It must be rejected as we move closer and closer to Christ. The World System refers to a collection of Failure Philosophies.
- Would terrorists be our enemy if their terrorist ideology didn't exist? Is it better to remove our enemies by killing them or by introducing them to Christ wherein they become our brothers?

VI. How is the World more Dangerous than Demonic Forces?

- It's true that Satan was the original mastermind. And it's true that demonic forces can manipulate unbelievers and tempt believers to sin. But Satan doesn't possess the ability to actually control my thinking or behavior. He can tempt me, and I can give in, but he cannot control me. He exercises his deceptive power and uses everything he can to seduce us into sinning against God. This involves the collected Failure Philosophies which surround us and permeate our living spaces from day to day.
- Satan may be an orchestrating force behind the World System, but Satan himself is likely never going to interact with our families directly. His demons may also be afraid to cross the threshold of our homes. But the World has been invited to prop its feet on our coffee tables. It's the antagonist coming face to face with our families absolutely everywhere you go — including our own homes.

- The world's Failure Philosophies are woven into every song, story, movie, conversation, political debate, tweet, YouTube video, and class that our family members encounter.
- And when you consider that every single thing ever communicated by any human being to another is either going to be 100% Truth, 100% a lie, or some mix of the two (which really isn't much better than a 100% lie), and when you consider how many people are influencing your family members on a daily basis and how many of those people cannot be trusted to be speak Truth into their lives . . . you start to realize that the World is a *massive* force with which to be reckoned. Our homes may see very little to no demonic influence, but I can say with *all* certainty that the World has infiltrated our home like a tank crashing through the front door. In fact you often invite the World right into your home.
- Now, the biblical response is not to remove ourselves from the World. Jesus says that would be impossible, and He doesn't want us to do that (John 17:15). The answer isn't to encase our families in bubbles that filter the World out of the very air we breath. The answer is to prepare our children to engage the World.
- The World's ideas are constantly swirling around us. There's no escaping them. I have no reason to believe that demons are omnipresent, and I don't believe they're always around every corner, but I do know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the World System is an ever present temptation in our families.
 - Hollywood injects their Failure Philosophies into everything they make.
 - But even the most trusted children's authors are dangerous because though their imaginary worlds don't have swearing and murder and homosexuality, they do completely leave God out of the equation. Ponies and birds make friends and save squirrels and pass their forest classes without ever once having to consider whether or not they have a relationship with their Creator and what it would mean if they did. That kind of reality is a lie. It may be free of *obvious* objectionable elements, but it's also devoid of Truth.
- This is why the World is the Infiltrator Enemy. This is why it's far more troublesome than demons. The World has gotten into our homes, and most of us don't even recognize it anymore. In fact, we like it there.
- The World has told us a lie, convinced us to accept its contradictory explanations of reality, and persuaded us to believe that what it's saying is true.

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