

James 4:1-6



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*“hedone”*

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**1 John 2:16**

**<sup>4</sup> Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**

**<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,**



**James 4:4 & John 3:16**

**Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.**

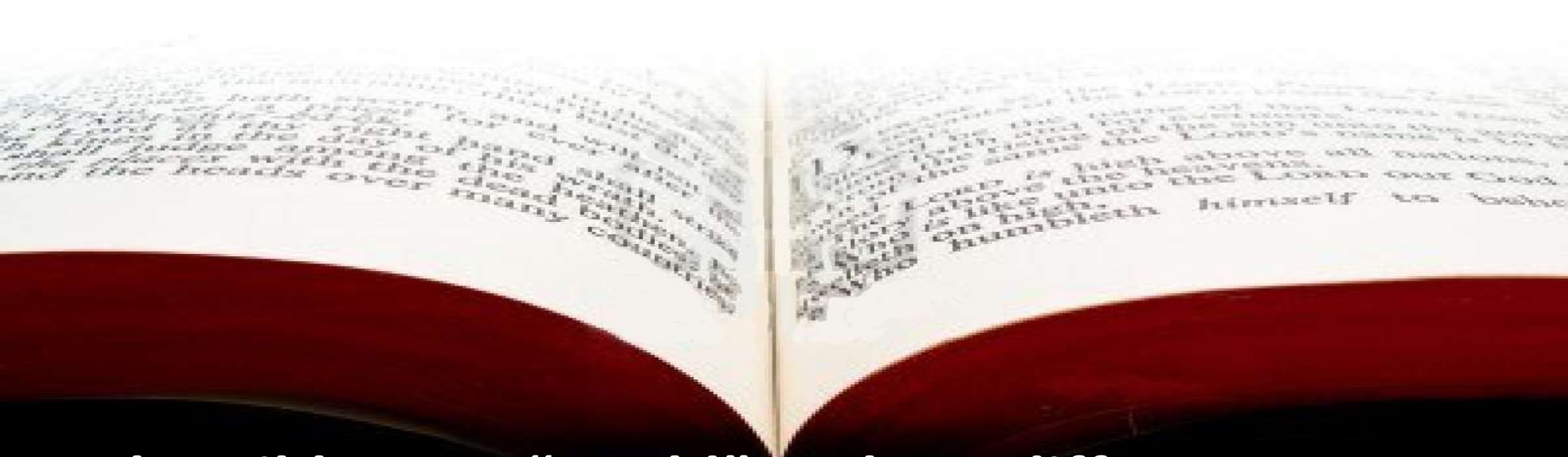
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- 3. It can refer to those who are focused on this present life and, therefore, are without God (I Corinthians 1:20; 3:19; Colossians 2:8).**



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1 John 5:19

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**<sup>4</sup> You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**

**<sup>5</sup> They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.**

**<sup>6</sup> We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

**1 John 4:4-6**

# TAKE A STAND



LIFE LESSONS  
FROM DANIEL

# Self-ish-ness

NOUN

1. *devoted to or caring only for oneself; concerned primarily with one's own interests, benefits, welfare, etc., regardless of others.*
2. *characterized by or manifesting concern or care only for oneself: selfish motives.*

# Self - Importance



Self-importance is our greatest enemy. Think about it - what weakens us is feeling offended by the deeds and misdeeds of our fellowmen. Our self-importance requires that we spend most of our lives offended by someone.



# SELF

## Righteousness

# Self-Righteousness



**Pharisees - Luke 18:1-14**

# Sensual INDULGENCE



**OVERRIDE**

**2 Samuel 11  
KING DAVID**

**20 Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: 23 Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.**

**Colossians 2:20, 23 NIV**

## 2 Samuel 11

# King David and Bathsheba



**Now the works of the flesh are evident,  
which are: adultery, fornication,  
uncleanness, lewdness..."**



**Galatians 5:19-20**

**For when we were in the flesh,  
the sinful passions which were aroused  
by the law were at work in our members  
to bear fruit to death.**



**Romans 7:5**

**“In Christ we walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit”**



**Romans 8:3-8**

**“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit  
if so be that the Spirit of God dwells in you.  
Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ  
he is none of his**



**Romans 8:9**

**For the mind set on pleasing the flesh is bound  
for death, but the mind set on obeying the  
Spirit is bound for life and peace**



**Romans 8:6**

**I say then: Walk in the Spirit,  
and you shall not fulfill  
the lust of the flesh.**





# Stubbornness

To be persisent in adhering to one's own ideas, beliefs & opinions.



## STUBBORNNESS

PSALM 81:12



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**JAMES & JOHN**

MARK 10:35-45

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DEUTERONOMY -

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