

AN EXCELLENT CITIZEN
In the World but Not Of the World
1 John 2:15-17

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

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The World’s Perspective: Desirable

“the cravings of sinful man” **Pleasures**

“the lusts of his eyes” **Possessions**

“the boastings of what he has and does” **Popularity**

The World’s Perspective: Dulling

Christian citizens are warned against being...

Attracted to the world (James 4:4)

Afflicted by the world (James 1:27)

Affectionate with the world (1 John 2:15)

Affiliated with the world (Rom. 12:2)

The World’s Perspective: Deadly

It **destroys** our relationship with God

It **denies** our faith in God

It **discounts** our future with God