

## LESSON 3A

### THE ENEMIES: THE “FLESH” (CONTINUED)

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#### Review

#### The warfare against the human nature

##### **Galatians 5:18-26**

(Walking by the Spirit, being led by the Spirit, living by the Spirit and keeping in step with the Spirit in real life.)

## Application:

Work at walking by the Spirit, living in the Spirit, being led by the Spirit and keeping in step with the Spirit this week:

- You've got to RESOLVE FROM THE HEART that you will follow the Truth no matter what  
Take some time before God and renew your resolve OR  
if you've never made such a resolution – do it—you won't  
make progress in walking with the Spirit and winning the war against  
your human nature unless you do.
  
- You've got to KNOW the Truth  
Crank up your efforts to know the Truth, the way the Spirit wants you to go,  
by cranking up your reading and study of God's Word.
  
- You've got to DESIRE/LOVE the Truth  
Work it out in your heart with God and the Truth  
to desire God and his ways above all else so that you're eager  
not reluctant to walk with the Spirit in God's ways.  
(NOTE: this is a separate thing from the resolving above: you can  
resolve with a reluctant "Well, if I have to!" heart or with a  
"Why would I want to do anything else!?" heart – develop the latter.
  
- You've got to intentionally/consciously RESPOND TO/LEAN INTO the lead, the direction, the coaching of  
the Spirit towards the Truth at that moment in that situation, simultaneously RESISTING/LEANING AWAY  
FROM the draw of what is coming naturally.  
Daily, moment by moment, as you're cut off in traffic, as you  
browse Facebook/Instagram, decide how to spend your time and money, etc. etc.  
lean into and take the step into the direction the Spirit and Truth are leading you,  
leaning and stepping away from what comes naturally.

## LESSON 3B

### THE ENEMIES: THE WORLD

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#### The word “world” in the Bible has multiple meanings

**Matthew 13:35**

**John 3:16**

**John 17:16-18**

**Romans 12:2**

**Ephesians 2:2**

**1 John 2:15-16**

**The World is the society of mankind with its God-resistant tendency due to the human nature.**

**This is why** the World is an enemy, not our friend.

## Further thoughts and applications

### **A friend of the world cannot be a friend of God**

**James 4:4.** Why does James say this? Doesn't it seem that there are Christians who are very friendly with "the world" and who also friend-up to God?

James says that the one who tries to be a friend to both the world and God is a spiritual "adulterer" and has become "an enemy" of God. Why? You might also read **1 John 2:15-17** as you reflect on your answers.

### **To be loved by the world**

**John 17:14-17.** I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (15) I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. (16) They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (17) Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

**John 15:18-19.** Reflect on these words: "If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own." Especially talk about the temptation or tendency of Christians (possibly even of you in particular) to want to "belong", to be loved, to be accepted, that may pull them (and possibly you) to be "of the world".

### **The World and you**

The world is your enemy. Give at least three personal examples of how the world fights against you in your life with and for Christ.