

## 1. The Spiritual Reality of Allegiances

While traveling one day, I heard someone say on the radio:

*“The friend of your enemy is also your enemy.”*

It means that if someone supports your opponent—even unknowingly—they align themselves against you.

This might seem like a worldly saying, but it mirrors a powerful spiritual truth in Scripture: whoever chooses to be a friend of the world, becomes an enemy of God.

### 2. Friendship with the World Equals Opposition to God

#### James 4:4

“Adulterers and adulteresses! 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.”

The word “adulterers” here is spiritual—it refers to people who have committed spiritual infidelity, turning away from God to love

the world. Friendship with the world is not neutral; it's betrayal.

To be God's friend, you must be separate from the world's value system.

### 3. What Does "The World" Mean in Scripture?

The "world" in this context doesn't refer to creation or people—it refers to a spiritual system of rebellion under Satan's control. This includes ungodly desires, entertainment, pride, and materialism.

#### 1 John 2:15-17

"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."

When we love what the world loves, we reject what God loves.

The world is passing away—but the one who follows Christ will live eternally.

#### 4. The Devil's Influence Over the World

### Luke 4:5-6

“Then the devil, taking Him [Jesus] up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

And the devil said to Him, ‘All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.’”

Satan offered Jesus the world's kingdoms because they are under his influence. When people pursue worldly pleasures and values—fame, wealth, power—they unknowingly honor the devil's system, not God's.

#### 5. Common Forms of Worldliness

Being a “friend of the world” can look like:

- Loving secular entertainment that glorifies sin
- Listening to music that promotes immorality or pride
- Watching films and shows filled with profanity and sexual sin
- Participating in gambling, betting, or violent sports
- Chasing fashion, social media fame, and material status

These things are not spiritually neutral.

They shape our hearts, desensitize us to sin, and turn our love away from God.

#### 6. The Judgment Reserved for God's Enemies

God is merciful—but He is also just. Those who remain in rebellion, as His enemies, face His judgment.

Jeremiah 46:10

“For this is the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Himself on His adversaries...”

Nahum 1:2

“God is jealous, and the Lord avenges; The Lord avenges and is furious. The Lord will take vengeance on His adversaries, and He reserves wrath for His enemies.”

Hell is real, and God’s wrath is coming upon all who reject His lordship and embrace the world.

7. What Shall It Profit?

Jesus challenges us to think eternally:

Mark 8:36-37

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

No amount of worldly success is worth eternal loss. It’s time to choose whom you’ll serve—Christ or the world.

## 8. A Call to Repentance and Salvation

If you realize today that you've been a friend of the world and therefore an enemy of God, there is hope. Jesus died to reconcile enemies back to God (Romans 5:10).

Today, you can become His friend and follower by turning from sin and surrendering fully to Him.

Prayer of Salvation

*Heavenly Father, I come to You today. I realize I've lived in ways that made me Your enemy. I've loved the world and rejected Your ways. I repent of my sins—all the things I've done knowingly and unknowingly.*

*Lord Jesus, I believe You died for me and rose again. I accept You as my Savior and Lord. Forgive me and cleanse me. Today I renounce Satan, I reject the world and its desires, and I surrender my life to You.*

*Holy Spirit, come into my life. Strengthen me to walk in truth, and*

*separate myself from everything that displeases God. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving me. In Your name I pray, Amen.*

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## 9. What to Do After This Decision

If you prayed that prayer with sincerity and faith, welcome into God's family. Here are the next steps:

### a) Separate Yourself from Worldly Influence

Delete ungodly music, TV shows, gambling apps, and anything that tempts you to sin. Give the Holy Spirit room to work.

### b) Surround Yourself with Godly People

Let go of friendships that pull you into sin. Seek those who talk about Christ, pray, and pursue righteousness.

### c) Read Your Bible and Pray Daily

Start with the Gospel of John. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand.

### d) Get Baptized in the Name of Jesus

According to Acts 2:38

“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

This is not a symbolic act—it is a step of obedience and covenant with Christ.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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