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THE WORLD IN THE CHURCH

I John 2:15-17

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INT: 1963 Bro. E. R. Harper said, "Greatest threat to the church today not Communism, Catholicism, or Zionism but Satanism: the Devil. Worldliness!!!
Premise: If the devil cannot keep ^{man} out of the church and in the world, he will put the world in the man in the church. **Less than his very best!** enough!
Study: Ways the Devil keeps the world in the church.

I. **MAN'S MIND IS NOT FULLY RENEWED.** Romans 12:1-2.

- A. II Cor. 5:17. Some reservations. I ~~Tim~~ 3:9 Deacon
- B. Contrast: Communism demands all! 1 Bil. giving it!
- C. The more a Christian withholds of his faith and life, the more of the world still in church.

II. **MAN'S BODY IS NOT FULLY UNDER CONTROL.** I Cor. 6:19-20.

- A. Mind-body problem. Flesh vs Spirit. Rom. 7:14-21.*
- B. I Cor. 9:27. Daily struggle. Didn't realize this!!
- C. More the Christian gives in to improper fleshly desires, the more of world is in the church.

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III. **MAN'S EMOTIONS NOT FIXED ON HEAVENLY THINGS.** I J. 2:15

- A. Lust of eye: MOVIES, PORNOGRAPHY, T. V., NEWSPAPER.
 - 1. 1956 Americans spent \$2 Bil. on pornography.
 - 2. 1964 Americans spent \$5 Bil. Directed to youth. (Enough to give every American man, woman and child 2 dozen pieces of filth each.)
 - 3. Dallas now has 25,000 recorded homosexuals. Why?
 - 4. Councilman Joe H. Golman, Dallas City Councilman, said "probably 80% of today's films could be termed 'indecent' in some aspects." News 1-21-65

MOST MOVIES TODAY ARE MERELY MOVING PORNOGRAPHY !!

B. Lust of Flesh: Dancing appeals ultimately to the satisfaction of the flesh; if not why must the dancers dance with members of **opposite sex?**

C. Pride of Life: Follow the crowd. When in Rome do as Rome does and **burn as Rome burns.**

more he follows worldly crowd, less in the church!

IV. **MAN'S WILL HAS NEVER FULLY SURRENDERED TO GOD. M. 6:19.**

- * A. His heart is where his treasure is. Vs. 21.
- B. Giving, man's last area of spr. maturity. II C. 8:12
- C. The more a man is discharging his spiritual respon. **in his Chr. life**, the less the world is in the church

INV:

ARE YOU satisfied with your life? **IS GOD?**
If not, how can you possibly be? *If some - sing!*

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