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**NOT MOLDED TO THIS WORLD**

**(Romans 12:1-2 and Ephesians 4:17-24)**

**INTRODUCTION:** J.B. Phillips translated (Romans 12:2) "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold"

(John 17:14-17) "... they are not of the world ... I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world ... "

The "world" to which we are not to be molded is the sinful behavior of its people, and it is defined in the verses of each point of this lesson.

**1. (Romans 12:1-2) (v2) "Be not conformed ("fashioned") to this world"**

**"not conformed"** - don't copy that which is opposed to Godliness.

**"but be transformed"** - make a change that involves body and mind.

**"present your bodies"** - in sacrificial living; in service designed by God; measure up to God's expectation; and recognize this as the right course of action.

**"by the renewing of your mind"** - a reasonable response based on evidence.

**2. (1 John 2:15-17) (v15) "Do not love the world or the things of the world ... and the world is passing away ... but he who does the will of God abides forever."**

**"if anyone loves the world"** - attached to worldly attitudes and actions opposing God.

**"the love of the Father is not in him"** - can't have it both ways. Note (Matt. 6:24)

(Matthew 22:36) "What is the great commandment ... ?

**"for all that is in the world ... is not of the Father"** - worldly lusts that are mentioned.

**3. (2 Corinthians 6:16-18) (v17) "therefore, come ye out from among them and be separate, says the Lord"**

The reason for this right action: (v16) "for you are the temple of the living God"

Blessings are associated with this right action: "I will dwell in them" "walk among them"

"be their God" "they shall be My people" "I will receive you" "I will be a Father

to you" "you shall be My sons and daughters" "says the Lord Almighty"

**4. (Ephesians 5:6-12) (v7) "do not be partakers with them"**

(v11) **"and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness"**

The admonition is: "you were once darkness, but now are light in the Lord;" so do not go back and participate in the old ways of worldly living.

(Ephesians 4:17) "you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk"

(v20) "you have not so learned Christ" (v22) "put off" (v24) "put on"

**5. (James 1:27) "Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this ... to keep one-self unspotted from the world"** - enjoy clean living.

**6. (James 4:4) "Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? ... to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God"**