

The spirit of this world?

“world” meaning the collective, popular, or socially acceptable ideas. This creates a disposition, opinion, and attitude. Sometimes not a tangible written idea but a “spirit”. Contrary to Biblical culture, behavior and ideas.

The phrase the spirit of the world is a term the apostle Paul used in 1 Corinthians 2:12, where he contrasts the spirit of the world with the Spirit of God: “What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.”

Entitled spirit	or	Thankful spirit
Angry spirit		peaceful spirit
Prideful spirit		humble spirit
Selfish spirit		servant spirit
Consumer spirit (taker)		contributor spirit (responsible)
Hedonistic (materialistic) spirit		sacrificial spirit
Disrespectful spirit		honoring spirit
Lying, perversion		spirit of truth
Divisive spirit		spirit of unity
Offended (wounded) spirit		forgiving healed spirit

Satan is called “the ruler of this world” (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11) and “the god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4).

He is “the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient” (Ephesians 2:2).

1 John 2:15 –

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

John 15:19 –

If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

John 17:14-16

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

Everything we are or do, derives its character and its worth in the sight of God, from the spirit in which it is done. This spirit is in each kingdom, not a blind force or an unconscious tendency, but an intelligent power working towards a definite goal. The spirit of the world and the god of this world hold rule over every child of Adam.

The terrible sin of the fall consisted in this: that man chose the visible, that which this world offered of beauty, and enjoyment, and wisdom, in preference to the unseen, spiritual good of God's will and favor. And the ruin and punishment of the fall is that man became subject to the power of the seen and temporal, that worldliness became a second nature to him, so that this world was nearer, and clearer to him, and affected him far more than the God who had created him.

The greatest danger to a child of God is from the spirit of this world secretly and unconsciously influencing his judgment and conduct.

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