

**“Not *OF* the World, but *SENT INTO* It” [CORE VALUE #6]**

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“God helps those...”; “So heavenly minded...”- NOT in the Bible. Also phrase: “We must be in the world, not of it” is not a specific verse from the Bible. Loosely based on John 17:13-19, it has been twisted to say, “Sadly, we are stuck in this world, but let’s do our best *not* to be *of* it.”

SEE JOHN 17:13-19

**PROP-** Jesus actually prayed, “You are not *of* this world, but I have clearly sent you *into* it!” [The purpose of our mission is to GO TO THE WORLD—*NOT* TO AVOID IT.”]

1. **THE STARTING POINT: We are “NOT OF THE WORLD”**  
[Resist the world’s fear-based system...**NOT** avoid the people]
  - a. **Constant worry about daily needs** (Luke 12:30) ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING
  - b. **Live for the moment—disregard eternal consequences** (Luke 12:19- “Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die”) LIVE FOR ETERNITY
  - c. **Love secrecy** (John 3:19- “People loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil”) WALK IN THE LIGHT...FELLOWSHIP
  - d. **Love is conditional** (Luke 6:32) LOVE NEVER FAILS
  - e. **Reject Jesus as Lord**
    - a. Unwilling to “receive/accept Him” (John 14:17)
    - b. “Hates” Him (John 15:18) (Lit.- “to love less; make secondary”)
    - c. Refuse to submit (Luke 19:14- “not want Him to rule over us”)  
WE GLADLY RECEIVE HIS LOVING LORDSHIP
  - f. **Desire compromise** (John 16:33- “tribulation”- *to pressure in order to crowd out*)  
BECAUSE WE LOVE HIM—WE KEEP (*value/obey*) HIS COMMANDS
2. **DON’T TAKE THEM OUT OF THE WORLD**

NOTE: Jesus is the same One who said, “Go INTO ALL the world”

“You are the light of the world” (John 5:14)—strategically displacing the darkness.

(NOTE: “Seven spirits/lights” in Revelation speak of God’s response to every area of darkness on the planet. World will see the best literature, fashion, business methods, educational approaches, movies, inventions...integrity and wisdom manifest thru followers of Jesus!)

NOTE: If we keep Him to ourselves we will be trampled by the society we do not influence!

### 3. PROTECT THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE

- No weapon (Isaiah 54:17) Lit.- *“no strategy”*

### 4. SANCTIFY THEM (Lit.- a heart set apart solely for Him)

- Not an outward act...superficial piety
- Rather, an inner purity—“sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts” (1 Peter 3:15)
- In the battle for the secret place of our hearts, accept no imitations for intimacy!!!

### 5. IN THE SAME WAY YOU SENT ME → I SEND THEM

- Moved in oneness with Father (“As we are one make them one in Us”)
  - I SEE what Father is doing
  - I SAY what Father tells me
- Led by Holy Spirit
- Strengthened and refreshed by angels (Ps. 91- “Charge over you”)
- Saw beyond outward appearance (*Sheep needing a shepherd; sick needing a physician; orphans needing a father/mother*)
- Moved with compassion (NOTE: Compassion moves toward; sanctified, not sanitized—willing to get hands dirty yet keep heart pure)! (Jesus loved Nathaniel’s purity, yet also allowed Judas to be close to Him)

### RESPONSE

Luke 10:1- He sent them “where He was about to go” He hadn’t been there yet...still messy...wounded, broken, alienated.

Before they meet Me...

- Treat them as most important person (High price paid for them...highly valued)
- Honor them...especially those who never receive it
- Wake up every morning thinking about how you can build someone up!

**OUR END GOAL: MAKE JESUS VISIBLE TO THE WORLD!**

Charles Stock- *“Simply by being who you really are in Him, you are fulfilling His command to “arise” and “shine”!”*