

**HOW SERIOUS IS THIS MATTER?** 



- ⇒ for those doing it.
- ⇒ for those who encourage *others* to do it.



1 IT'S THE SAME AS SAYING, "I REJECT GOD."

✓ You do NOT have God's love in you.

... you show that you do not have the love of the Father in you.

1 John 2:15b (NLT)

√ Your love is focused on things that OPPOSE\* God.

These are not from the Father. They are from this evil world.

1 John 2:16b (NLT)

\* (The opposition may be DIRECT, or INDIRECT. The sin may be caused by what you DO, or what you DON'T DO. In any case, it's <u>still</u> opposition.)

### YOU HAVE OPPOSED GOD

When you love sinful craving, it's the same as saying:

"I REJECT GOD AND HIS LOVE.

I HAVE CHOSEN TO NOT HAVE HIS LOVE IN ME."

#### THEREFORE: GOD HAS OPPOSED YOU

✓ He may abandon you to your sin.

(HERE, THE EXAMPLE INVOLVES SEXUAL IMPURITY)

Therefore God delivered them over in the cravings of their hearts to sexual impurity, ...

Romans 1:24a (HCSB)

✓ He may prevent you from attaining what you desire.
(THIS MAY APPLY EVEN TO CRAVINGS THAT LOOK "GOOD.")

... he refuses to satisfy the craving of the wicked.

Proverbs 10:3b (NLT)

✓ OR: He may give you what you <u>desire</u>, as well as what you <u>deserve</u>.

In the desert they gave in to their **craving**; in the wasteland they put God to the test.

So he gave them what they asked for, but sent a wasting disease upon them.

Psalm 106:14-15 (NIV)

THE WICKED WILL ENCOURAGE YOU
TO PURSUE YOUR CRAVINGS.

(Since you have chosen to oppose the truth.)

✓ False teachers will tell you what you want to hear.

Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

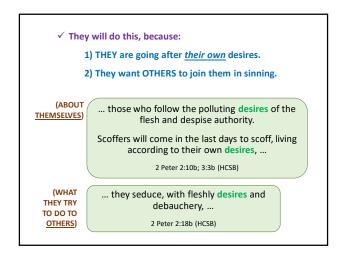
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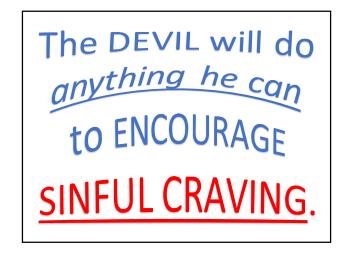
√ They will encourage you to sin.

For by uttering boastful, empty words, they seduce, with fleshly desires and debauchery, people who have barely escaped from those who live in error.

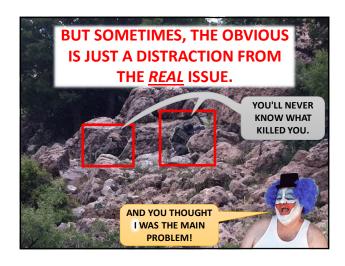
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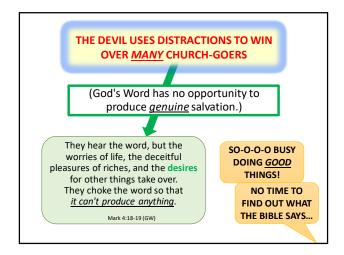
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# WARNING! /



Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love the world, you show that you do not have the love of the Father in you.

For the world offers only the lust for physical pleasure, the lust for everything we see, and pride in our possessions.

These are not from the Father. They are from this evil world.

And this world is fading away, along with everything it craves. But if you do the will of God, you will live forever.

1 John 2:15-17 (NLT)

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