

THEREFORE! BE A NON-CONFORMIST!
Romans 12:1-2, 1 John 2:15-17
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"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Romans 12:1-2; NKJ)

I. THEREFORE! COMMIT YOUR WHOLE SELF TO GOD!

II. THEREFORE! BE A NON-_____!

- *"Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs],..."* (AMP)
- *"Do not be shaped by this world."* (ICB)
- *"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold."* (JBP)

**A. Always keep your _____
_____ in mind!**

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever." (1 John 2:15-17; NKJ)

(2 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Timothy 4:9-11)

B. Be _____ on what "the world" is and isn't...

1. "The World" is NOT the _____ world.
2. "The World" is NOT the _____ of the world.
(John 3:16)
3. "The World" is NOT the _____
of the world.

"I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world." (1 Corinthians 5:9-11; NKJ)

4. "The World" is the _____ ordered
_____ of people, culture, beliefs, and ideas
which _____ and _____ God.

"Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden." (Genesis 4:16; NKJ)

**C. Be alert to the conforming _____
of the world!**

(1 John 2:15-17)

1. _____ and living by how I _____
2. Acquiring _____ and living by what I _____
3. _____ and living by what _____
_____ of me.

D. Dare to be a _____ for Christ!

"... In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you." (1 Peter 4:1-4; NKJ)

"I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am 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, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world." (John 17:14-18; NKJ)