

The World's Haunts of Vanity

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"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." (1 Peter 1:8)

Christian! You do not need to borrow **joy** from the world!

O child of God, is not the joy of God enough for you?

Do you require . . .
the pleasures of sin,
the gaities of the ballroom,
the excitement of the theater,
the music of the opera,
the frivolities of the world's card-table,
the stolen pleasures of the dance,
to make up for 'deficiencies' in what God has given you?

If He has not given enough joy, go tell Him, and He will give you more. But do not go to His enemies to borrow!
Do not go to **the world's haunts of vanity**, where the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eye, and the pride of life are cherished!

Christian, be separate! Do not seek the joys of the world!
Don't you know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? If you have any **sympathies** with that world--if it contains **attractions** for you--if God, and the things of God, are not enough for you--**there is something wrong!**

Do not love the world! Do not seek its friendship! Seek the things above! Beware of the fascinations of worldly company, and the spells of worldly gaiety. **Do not be whirled away** into the tossing current of mirthful society!

Be separate! That is your security, your strength, your influence. Let the world see that you are not of it--and that you do not need it!