

# Are you Backslidden?

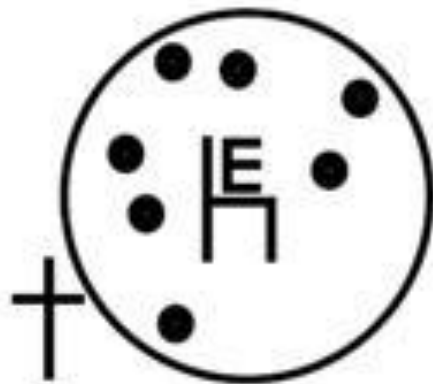
*“Jerusalem hath  
grievously sinned...  
and turneth  
backward.”  
(Lam. 1:8)*



BACKSLIDING

### Natural Man

Fear, Worry  
Gross sin

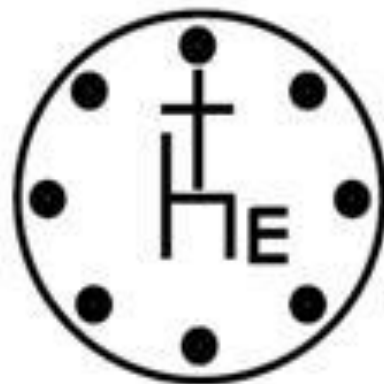


† = Christ

**E** = Ego or finite self

### Spiritual Man

Peace, Power  
Joy, Purpose



H = Throne or Control Center

● = Various interests in life

### Carnal Man

Fear, Worry  
Gross sin



- *Prov. 14:14 “The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways.”*
- *Jer. 3:22 “Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God.”*





**What is Worldliness?**  
James 4:1-12

# WORLDLINESS

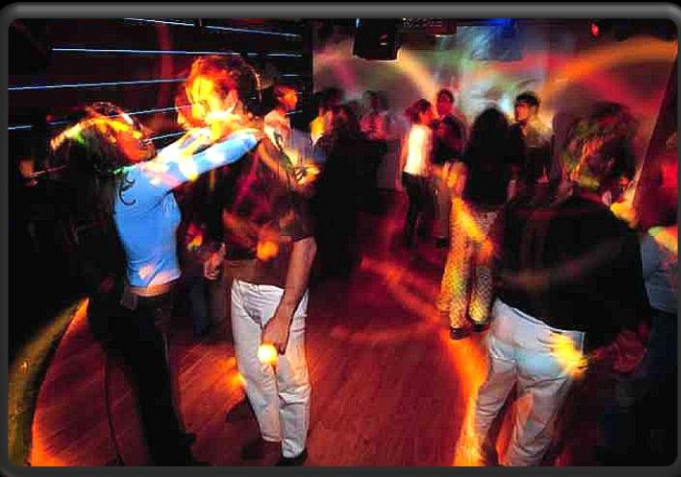
RESISTING THE SEDUCTION OF A FALLEN WORLD



*It's A Matter Of Your Heart!*



*“Love not the world”*



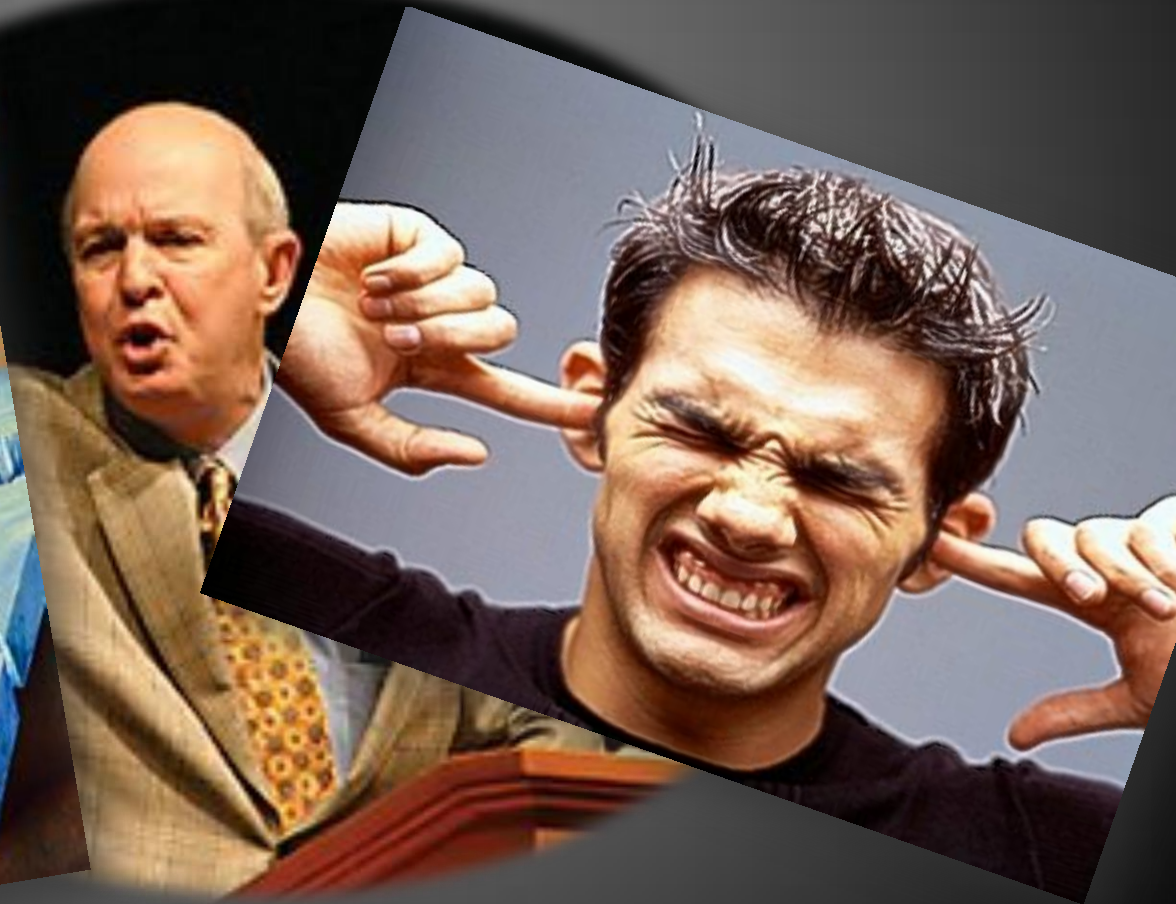
**Holiness**  
Separation  
From  
Worldliness

- *Jer. 3:6 "Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot."*
- *Jer. 3:11 "And the LORD said unto me, backsliding Israel hath justified herself."*
- *Jer. 3:12 "Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger forever."*
- *Jer. 3:14 "Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you."*

- *Jer. 7:24 "But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward."*
- *Jer. 8:5 "Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return."*
- *Jer. 49:4 "O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures."*
- *Hos. 11:7 "And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him."*



- *Zec. 7:11 “But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.”*



# *Evidences of Backsliding*

- When your desire for Biblical truth ceases and you become content with your Bible knowledge – backsliding is present – *II Pet. 3:18*
- When the Biblical knowledge you have is not applied – backsliding is present – *James 1:22*
- When prayer is no longer an important and vital part of your Christian life – backsliding is present – *Eph. 6:18*
- When sports, recreation, and entertainment are a large and necessary part of your life-style – backsliding is present – *I John 2:15-16*



- When acquiring money and possessions becomes a dominant part of your thinking – backsliding is present – *Matt. 6:24*
- When you can mouth religious songs without a worshipful heart – backsliding is present – *Ps. 40:1-3*
- When you can watch degrading movies and read immoral literature – backsliding is present – *Phil. 4:8*
- When division among brothers and sisters in Christ is of little or no concern to you – backsliding is present – *Prov. 6:16-19*
- When the slightest excuse keeps you from being faithful to church – backsliding is present – *Heb. 10:24-25*

- When serving the Lord is no longer seen as your duty – backsliding is present – *Luke 17:7-10*
- When you become content with your lack of spiritual growth – backsliding is present – *Phil 3:13*
- When there is little or no evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit – backsliding is present – *Gal. 5:22-23*
- When there is no longer a song in your heart, the silence testifies that – backsliding is present – *Psalms*
- When you conform to the world's lifestyle (cloths, hair, style of dress, attitude, music, entertainment, friendships etc.) – backsliding is present – *II Cor. 6:14-18*

- When your tears dry up and your heart become cold to spiritual things, the hardness of your heart testifies – backsliding is present – *Matt.24:12*
- When giving to the Lord's work is no longer a joyful experience – backsliding is present – *Mal. 3:7-11*
- When you no longer desire times of fellowship with God's people – backsliding is present – *Acts 2:41-47*
- When you no longer hunger and thirst after righteousness – backsliding is present – *Matt. 5:6*
- When you stop your ears at the preaching of the Word of God – backsliding is present – *Ezek. 2:1-3:11*



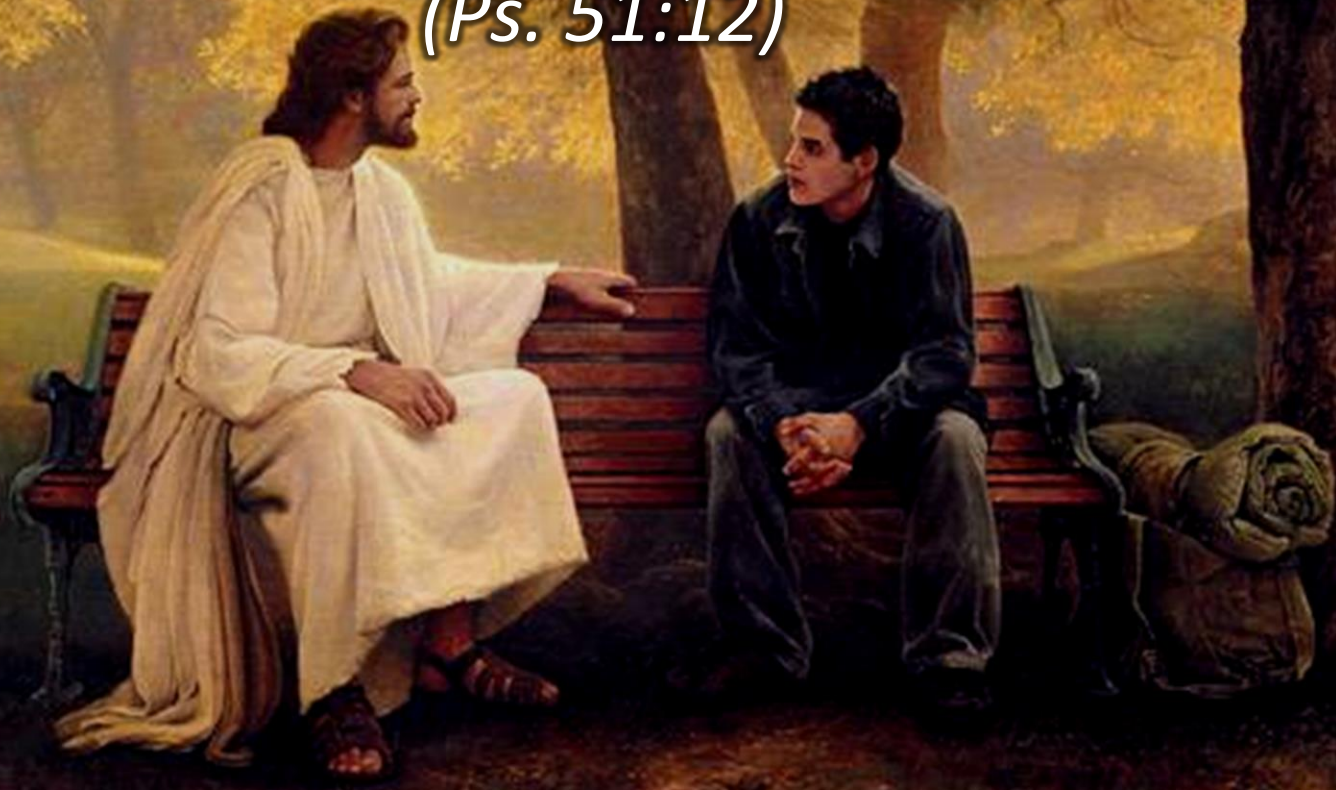
- When you have unresolved conflicts in your personal relationship and you are unwilling to reconcile – backsliding is present – *Matt. 5:23-25*
- When you are not adding to your faith – backsliding is present – *II Pet. 1:4-11*
- When you have left your first love – backsliding is present – *Rev. 2:1-4*
- When you are no longer denying ungodliness and worldly lust – backsliding is present – *Titus 2:11-15*
- When you are rebellious towards authority – backsliding is present – *Heb. 13:7, 17*

- When you no longer desire to read the Word of God – backsliding is present – *Pss. 119*
- When you are no longer concerned about the salvation of the lost – backsliding is present – *Prov. 11:30*
- When you are willing to compromise Biblical truth and for personal gain – backsliding is present – *1 Kings 11:1-8*
- When you are no longer concerned over your own spiritual condition – backsliding is present – *Rev. 3:14-20*





*“Restore unto me the joy of  
thy salvation; and uphold me  
with thy free spirit.”  
(Ps. 51:12)*



*“But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.” Ps. 5:11*

*“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” 1 John 5:4*

