

## Introduction

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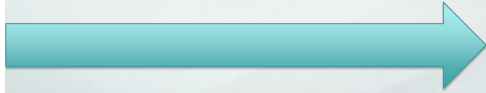
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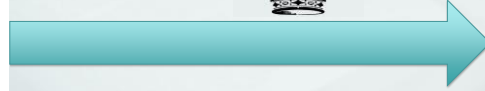
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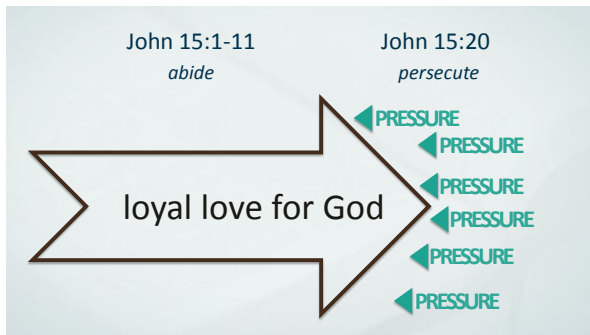
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### The Best Use of the Terms

- A. The terms identify one of the reasons why sin is sinful: because it is disloyal love for God.  
(parallel)
- B. The terms help us to recognize one of the sources of our sin: the pressure of the world.  
(pressure)

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- C. We should reserve these terms for those times when they most appropriately describe a sin, because the parallel or the pressure is especially evident.
- D. We should be especially careful when applying the term *worldly* to a person.

### Secondary Usage: Are There Worldly Things?

- A. We might use these terms to distinguish those aspects of a culture which arise from the godless direction of the world.

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- B. We might use these terms to describe things which are not inherently sinful, but may be unwise for Christians because of their strong association with the world.

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- C. We must be aware of two troublesome tendencies.
  1. The tendency to make these secondary uses primary.
  2. The tendency to scorn these secondary uses.

