

Now the word for relationship argues in the other sense in Lk. 14:26--"Jesus said, If any~~x~~ man come to me and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And ~~whosoever~~ does not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ~~Any~~ I ~~xxxxxxx~~ literally supposed to hate ~~my~~ father, mother, wife and children? No! We are supposed to love them; but we are supposed to put our love to God in a far superior position--that which is of the Father. Other relationships are of the world but they are good relationships. They are relationships we are supposed to cultivate.

We are supposed to love our parents and do everything we can for them, but our relationship to Christ is so much more important that in comparison Jesus said, If any one hate not his mother and father and brothers and sisters, he cannot come to me.

Now. Mk. ~~xkx~~ 10:29-30 I think shows rather clearly the actual relationship. "Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that has left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father or mother or wife or children or lands --you notice property as well--or lands, for ~~my~~ my sake and for the gospel but he shall receive 100 fold, now in this time houses and brethren and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecution and in the world to come~~x~~ eternal life.

Jesus does not say that all that is in this world is bad and you ought to get away from it. No! He says the world as corrupted by sin is bad; but the world as properly used, the ~~world~~ world as God made it is good.

In this passage with which we began in 1 John 2:15-17 the first statement given in this summary was the "lust of the flesh." As we noticed the word lust here simply means desires. It has no connotation of anything evil there. It does not necessarily connote what ~~is~~ is good. It ~~xxxxx~~ includes all desires and it has become specialized in later use. Specialized first into evil desires; then more recently into one particular type of evil desire.

But as used by the writers of the KJV, it ~~k~~ means all kinds of desires. And the desire of the flesh can mean that which is evil, that which is distorted, that which is wrong. But it also can cover that which is right and in fact necessary to our very existence. In Lk. 12:19 we read how a man was called a fool. And this man said to his soul, Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years; eat, drink, and be merry. He is called a fool because he put his primary love on these things--eat, drink, and be merry.

There's nothing wrong with eating, drinking properly or with being merry. There is often a caricature of the Puritans that they were a people who always ~~walked~~ walked around singing psalms with their hands folded, and mourning. That is a caricature which