

Less is More



1. Less of the World, More of God

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 2:15

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Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Matthew 4:7–9

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There is no conflict between John's two statements from firstly his Gospel, 'God so loved the world', and secondly his letter, 'Do not love the world' [self-centred pride!]

2. Less of Yourself, **More of the Spirit**

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Luke 4:18–19

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and he began by saying to them,
“**Today this scripture is fulfilled** in
your hearing.”

Luke 4:21

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“Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” **And they took offence at him.**

Matthew 13:55–57

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