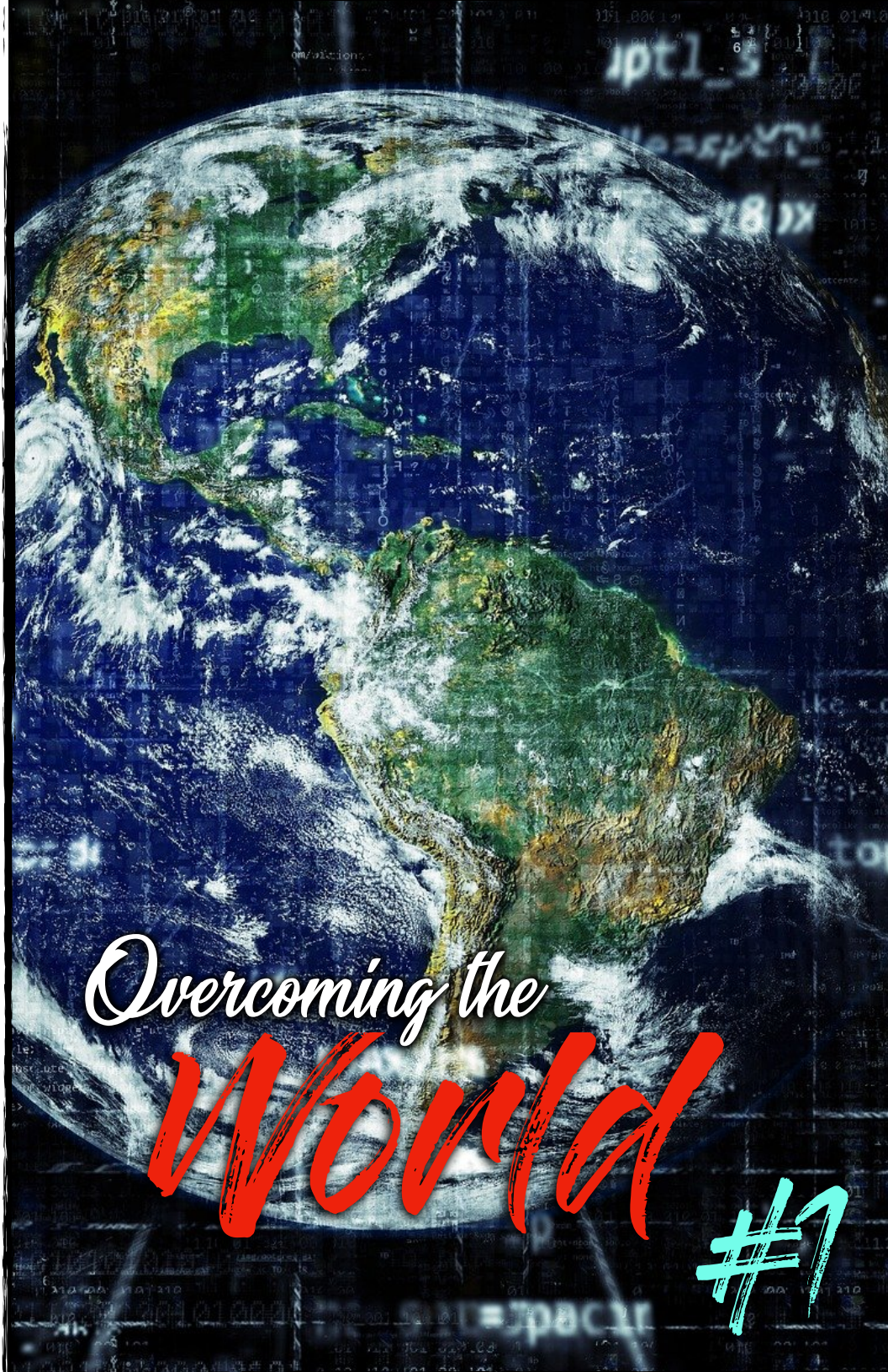


I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

*Juan 16:33*



*Overcoming the  
World #1*

# Why overcome the World?

## 1 John 2:15-17

Overcome - "to deprive it of power to harm, to subvert its influence,..."

What does it matter if I do or don't? (2 Timothy 1:7)

### 1. The desires of the flesh v.16a

- A. It refers to cravings that incite to sin.
- B. Paul describes it as illicit and/or unacceptable relationships (Colossians 3:5).
- C. Relationships that go against nature (Romans 1:26).
- D. Paul goes on to say that such people "come to establish these acts or practices as the center of their lives" which God calls idolatry.

### 2. The desires of the eyes v.16b

- A. This refers to greed.
- B. Greed "unjust gain troubles the household;" (Proverbs 15:27).
- C. Some people like Judas base their life on having more no matter who gets hurt in the process (John 12:5-6).

### 3. The pride of life v.16c

- A. Refers too trusting in what can be achieved (possessions).
- B. The desire of enjoying possessions over God's will (Luke 12:13-21).
- C. The desire of living for yourself and not for God (Luke 16:19, 25).

### Conclusion:

Are you guilty of living under the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, or the pride of life?

# Questions to Meditate

1. Have I given priority to the desires of the flesh over God?

Yes  No

1a. If, you answer **Yes**, please explain how.

1b. If, you answer **No**, please explain how being aware will help you avoid falling into the desires of the flesh?

2. Have I given priority to the desires of the eyes over God?

Yes  No

2a. If, you answer **Yes**, please explain how.

2b. If, you answer **No**, please explain how being aware will help you avoid falling into the desires of the eyes?

3. Have I given priority to the pride of life over God?

Yes  No

3a. If, you answer **Yes**, please explain how.

3b. If, you answer **No**, please explain how being aware will help you avoid falling into the pride of life?

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