Our Holy Assurance Policy: The Test of this World

We are God’s people through the power of the gospel. It’s the plan of God. Jesus is the Way. The Holy Spirit is the instrument. Therefore, who better than the Holy Spirit to inspire a letter to help us. This letter is full of tests. The tests are meant as godly diagnostic tools to lead us deeper into God’s ways and further from the ways of the world.

We no longer belong to this world. We must be weaned away from thinking and acting in the default settings of this world. It is very easy to coast along in life without realizing we’ve been absent-mindedly drifting in the ways of the world. People who belong to God are not called to be absent-minded, but to have the mind of Christ. Jesus has only God’s will in mind.

John wrote, “The world and its desires are passing away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever” (1 John 2:17). The desire for the will of God is now a radical new calling in our lives. We may find ourselves in opposition to the world in ways we never anticipated. The desires that represent the ways of this world will not bring the life that God so desires. As we grow in seeking the will of God it will be proved that God’s desires, i.e., his will, brings life.

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**1 John 2:12-17**

 ● 12-14 NOT OF THIS WORLD

 ● 15 DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD

 John 15:18-19

 Ephesians 2:1-2; 6:10-12

 Romans 12:1-2

 ● 16 THE WORLD IS NOT OF GOD

 Genesis 3:1-7

 Luke 4:1-13

 ● 17 THE WORLD IS PASSING AWAY