

HOW TO GUARD YOUR SPIRITUAL COMPASS

Resisting the alluring trends of the world / 1 John 2:12-27

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Introduction: Most people who scan the cultural landscape these days are astonished at how quickly new trends pop up, take root, and become established realities in our society. For instance, we see artificial intelligence applications taking hold and providing genuine tangible value; this would have seemed the stuff of science fiction just 10 years ago. We see young entrepreneurs making vast fortunes in their teens and twenties through social media apps. Through Zoom, people are able to work remotely, escaping long commutes, empowering work from home. We see the plethora of entertainment options suited for every conceivable taste; you can binge watch an entire season of your favorite show if you want. But darker trends are also taking root: We see people in restaurants and on airplanes with heads down, glued to their phones, driven to distraction. We see men competing in women's sports, driving young talented female athletes out of their chosen field. These are times no one would have predicted even just a few years ago. How do followers of Jesus – *people who believe in absolute truth* – navigate the neutral trends in the world and resist the damaging ones? How do we guard our spiritual compass in the storms of confusion and the diverse voices offering worldviews opposed to our Christian faith. John shows us how to guard our spiritual compass in the passage we study today.

1. **Affirm your** _____.
1 John 2:12-14; 21

2. **Be wise about what you** _____.
1 John 2:15-17

3. **Guard your mind against** _____.
1 John 2:18-26

4. _____ **in Christ.**
1 John 2:24-27

5. **Idea**

6. **Takeaways**