

1John 2:16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

A The desires of the flesh

Sex—Proverbs 5; 6.20-29; 7.5; 22.4; 23.27-28

Prov. 6:20 *My son, keep your father's commandment,
and forsake not your mother's teaching.*

21 *Bind them on your heart always;
tie them around your neck.*

22 *When you walk, they^a will lead you;
when you lie down, they will watch over you;
and when you awake, they will talk with you.*

23 *For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light,
and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life,*

24 *to preserve you from the evil woman,
from the smooth tongue of the adulteress.*

25 *Do not desire her beauty in your heart,
and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes;*

26 *for the price of a prostitute is only a loaf of bread,
but a married woman hunts down a precious life.*

27 *Can a man carry fire next to his chest
and his clothes not be burned?*

28 *Or can one walk on hot coals
and his feet not be scorched?*

29 *So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife;
none who touches her will go unpunished.*

Food and drink—Proverbs 23.2, 21; 28.7

Prov. 23:19 *Hear, my son, and be wise,
and direct your heart in the way.*

20 *Be not among drunkards
or among gluttonous eaters of meat,*

21 *for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty,
and slumber will clothe them with rags.*

B The desires of the eyes

Riches—Proverbs 11.4; 13.7; 23.4-5; 28.20 (but cf. 10.22)

Prov. 11:4 *Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death.*

Prov. 23:4 *Do not toil to acquire wealth;
be discerning enough to desist.*

5 *When your eyes light on it, it is gone,
for suddenly it sprouts wings,
flying like an eagle toward heaven.*

Prov. 28:25 *A greedy man stirs up strife,
but the one who trusts in the LORD will be enriched.*

Prov. 15:27 *Whoever is greedy for unjust gain troubles his own household,
but he who hates bribes will live.*

Prov. 11:28 *Whoever trusts in his riches will fall,
but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.*

C The pride of life

Pride—Proverbs 13:10; 16:17-19; 17:19; 29:23

Prov. 13:10 *By insolence comes nothing but strife,
but with those who take advice is wisdom.*

Prov. 16:17 *The highway of the upright turns aside from evil;
whoever guards his way preserves his life.*

18 *Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

19 *It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor
than to divide the spoil with the proud.*

Prov. 17:19 *Whoever loves transgression loves strife;
he who makes his door high seeks destruction.*

Prov. 29:23 *One's pride will bring him low,
but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.*