Three different zones or fronts of opposition: The world, the flesh and the devil.

**Ephesians 2:1-3** NIV *“1As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh  and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.”*

**1John 5:19** NIV *“We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.”*

**1John 2:15** NKJV *“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”*

**1John 2:16** NIV *“For everything in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - comes not from the Father but from the world.”*

3 points of solicitation for the follower of Christ:

Lust of the flesh, Lust of the eyes, Pride of life

**1. Lust of the flesh**

“lust of the flesh” - choosing sinful solutions to meet a legitimate need.

**James 1:14** NLT *“Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.”*

Counteringthe lust of the flesh

**1Cor.10:13** NLT *“The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure.”*

*-*Look for the way ou**t**

**2Tim.2:22** NLT*“Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.”*

-Run!

-Capture and redirect thoughts

-Keep the right company

**2. Lust of the eyes**

**1Tim.6:10** NLT *“For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.”*

Countering lust of the eyes

-Contentment in Christ

**Phil.4:11-13** NLT *“11Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. 12I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. 13For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”*

*-*Generosityto other

**Matt.6:19-21** NLT *“19Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”*

**3. Pride of life**

**James 3:15-16** NLT *“15For jealousy and selfishness are not God’s kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. 16For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.”*

**Phil.2:3-5** NLT *“3Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, [thinking of others] as [better than yourselves]. 4Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. 5You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”*

**Countering pride**

Humility

**James 4:6,10** NLT *“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble…10Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.”*

**Genesis 3:1-6** NLT *“1The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, ‘Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden? 2Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,’ the woman replied. ‘3It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat.’ God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die. 4You won’t die!’ the serpent replied to the woman. 5God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil. 6The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.”*