

1 John Series Lesson 18

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Fellowship with God

1:5-2:2 with the Father as a child

2:3–8 with the Son as a father with perspective

2:9-11 with the Spirit as a young man warrior with others in common danger



Three Self-Evaluations

Am I responding to an <u>inner feeling</u> in order to violate God's design?

Am I responding to an <u>external attractive</u> <u>object</u> that I want enough to disobey God's Word?

Am I so immersed in <u>my plans</u> that I've forgotten my creature status?



Strategic Envelopment

"Effective results in war have rarely been attained unless the approach has had such indirectness as to ensure the opponent's unreadiness to meet it. The indirectness has usually been physical, and always psychological. In strategy, the longest way round is often the shortest way home. ... The aim is to weaken resistance before attempting to overcome it; and the effect is best attained by drawing the other party out of his defenses."

~B. H. Liddell-Hart, Strategy, p. 25.



Who has the <u>REAL</u> "Evil Problem"?

Christian: Good / Evil mix is "abnormal" and temporary



Pagan: Good / Evil mix is permanently "normal"

