

# HOT OR COLD!- Is It "Cool" to Serve Jesus?

A TEEN POW-WOW WITH SARA ON WORLDLINESS!

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Many of our Family teens worldwide have said how the Lord has helped them get a victory in not seeking after worldly things. They were often tempted by or mindful of System or worldly, material things.--Some thought it was groovy to break dance & they thought it was fun to go hang out at the shopping center with worldly teens & look at all the "nice" things in the shop windows. Because they wanted System kids to like them, they tried to become more like Systemite teens.

Lots of these teens were in the System pretty deep, even though they were in the Family, & they were influenced by their worldly friends to actually believe it was "cool" to listen to the Devil's rock music. It's interesting that the ol' punk himself, Satan, calls it "punk rock". That music is actually dedicated to & blessed by Satan! There are all sorts of MO Letters on the influence of demonic music. I wonder if our teens ever read them when they were tempted by it? (\*See "Music" in MOP & ML Cat. List)

These worldly temptations have been a big battle for some of our teens. It's kind of like a daydreaming battle, they're getting all tripped off with the things of the World & the thoughts of the World & the music of the World, which results in a lust or a strong liking for the World! We heard recently that some of our teens in the Philippines even left the Family for those worldly things. They "despised their birthright for a mess of pottage", like Esau! They actually thought it was "groovy" & "cool" & really "in" to be a fashion model & to wear your hair slicked back & wear groovy "showy" clothes, to be cool & glamorous. Where their treasure is, Worldly materialism, is where they are today!--In the Devil's Pit!--So far backslidden that now blackmailing their parents that if someone doesn't arrange new visas for them they will reveal the important business of the Family to the media.

"Revolution for Jesus", ("Growing in Faith", pg.17) says, "The god of most of the World is money, things, materialism--Home, car, television or even a thatched hut & canoe, the things which people possess. Most people are not slaves to their churches or to their false established recognised religious system, their greatest slavery is to the god that the Bible calls 'Mammon',

the god of money, wealth & material things. They're slaves to the god of materialism! Materialism is the major religion of the World, & although most people worship the things they can see, there are actual wicked spiritual forces behind this idolatry.

"The Bible says they are joined to their idols. (Hos.4:17; see also Jer.1:16; Isa.2:8) Most people just can't be separated from their material things. That's why so few people forsake all, their whole life & happiness revolves around the abundance of things they possess. Revelation 17 makes it clear that she (the Whore, Babylon) is none other than the World Commercial City System of wealth, riches & Mammon worship!" (GIF, "Revolution for Jesus!")

As I read these backslidden teens' stories I wondered if you teens here are aware of the dangers & the Devil's deceptions & devices of his World System. The Bible says, "We are not ignorant of his devices...lest Satan should get advantage of us!" (2Cor.2:11) The Word tells us to beware, to "be aware", be aware of it, look out! Be "on guard" against it! Be informed & forearmed & forewarned & fully aware of the Devil's tricks so he cannot win you over!--Be on guard against it!

God's Word also warns us, "Be sober, (not foolish) be vigilant", be on guard! To be on prayer vigil is to be on "prayer guard" for Grandpa. You're guarding Grandpa in the Spirit with your prayers.

Dictionary definition of Vigilant:

(adj) continually watchful or on guard; alert, especially to avoid danger.

Who is your Adversary or Enemy?

(Children: The Devil!) And what does he do? (Children: "He walketh about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour!") He's busy looking for a way to get in, & "worldliness" is one device the Devil uses. Do you know what a device is? It's a tool, or it's a plan or trick, a scheme to deceive!

One tool of the Devil, or trick that he has used to corrupt some of our Family teens is to tempt them with not just things of the World, but ways of the World, like being "cool". Even if you're not going to waste the Lord's money on stupid things like video games & rock music & candy & junk food, your

heart can still be lusting after it if you're not insulated & on guard against it & you believe it's "not so bad". The Devil is always trying to get you to compromise your beliefs!

We have to insulate or safely protect & cover that electrical wire there on the wall with a special covering, like an "armour", otherwise if you touch it, it will ruin you, won't it? It'll destroy you! In the same way, we want to insulate you against the ways of the World & the ways of the Devil so that when you get around it or see it on video & maybe even touch it a little bit, that it won't ruin or destroy you! We don't want you to be ignorant of the Devil's System! God's Word is very heavy against it, so we want to warn you of the truth about it!

"Staying close to the Lord & His Word is the only insulation against backsliding! The only sure cure & the only prevention is the WORD, so don't neglect it!"

Why do you think that our teens are even interested in things like that? One reason is probably because they're around it all day & the Devil wants to distract them from their main job of winning the lost, his people! The Enemy certainly wants to ruin any witness that he can. The Devil tempts us here too with spacing out or telling lies or with our fleshly weaknesses. Why do you think some of our teens have a tendency to like System things & want to be more Systemite? In what ways does the Devil tempt them to be more Systemite? Can you think of some? (Techi: Like when they're witnessing passing by the shops they can see all these groovy things in the System & the Devil could tell them, "These are the things that you should buy.") (David: "Look at all the other kids, they have all those nice things.") Yes, by comparing themselves to Systemites, not only regarding things, but even in the ways of the World. They see other kids act "cool" & have "cool" idols, & because they want people to like them, they think they should act "cool" too.

When you grow to be a teenager you start getting interested in the opposite sex, & in the System it's a very competitive game of comparing yourself to others & showing off. The boys want to be cool & attractive & showy for the girls, & the girls want to be pretty & sexy to get the boys' attention. All this starts getting

into a matter of the heart, as well as the mind, & if not kept in check with the Lord & His Word, it can lead you astray!



I read a testimony of one of our teenagers, how the Lord really dealt with him through serious afflictions because he was getting so into Worldliness. When he'd go out witnessing he just wanted to witness to the pretty girls, he didn't want to witness to boys or adults at all. He'd go to the nearby town with his older brother to just kind of cruise around & act "cool" & hang around in the shops & look at the girls, just like teenage boys in the System do. It was like having a perverted appetite, lusting after worldly ways & friends & wanting to do things their way.

Well, the Lord showed him through a very high fever & even hospitalisation that it was wrong to conform to this evil World. He wrote, "Lord forgive me, I tried to be 'cool' like the World. The Lord really had to deal with me & now I'm so sorry! I'm so thankful now, I'm proud & privileged to be in such a Family, because we aren't part of the World. We are God's Family!" Hallelujah!

Who is the god of this World? Do you want to look it up, David, in 2Cor. 4:4? We know the Earth is the Lord's, but not the "World"! (David: "In whom the god of this World has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine unto them.") The god of this World has blinded the minds of unbelievers. (Children: The Devil!)

The ol' Devil tempted this teen with worldliness & lustfulness such as only

wanting, to witness to girls & be "groovy" & be "in" & be "cool"--& he fell for it! He didn't stand against it! And it just hit me so strong! Isn't that just like the Devil to tempt & lie & convince young people to be cool! If there was ever anything exactly contrary to God's Word, it's to be cool! Everything we've learned, from the MO Letters & the Bible, is the direct opposite of cool!

What does it mean to be "cool"? (David: Like lukewarm!) Yes! Jesus said, "I would rather you be hot or cold!" Because if you're lukewarm, just hanging in the middle like a neutral, (there are no neutrals!) it says you make God vomit, & God will spew you out of His mouth! That's what the Lord thinks about being cool! You make God so sick He'll spit you out of His mouth! Everything we have learned in God's Word is the exact opposite! (Rev.3:16)

The message that turned us adults on the most when we joined the Family, the whole reason we got turned on to the Revolution for Jesus, was because Grandpa's Family was on-fire about Jesus! Not "cool" &



half asleep or the slightest bit like the World we knew & just "doing their own thing". These people were on-fire for the Lord!--The exact opposite of being cool! We were thrilled to finally find somebody doing something for the good & for the right & for others & for Jesus! (Techi: That's Grandpa!) Amen!

We loved to see that Grandpa was on-fire about Jesus & burning free with the Spirit of God! He was full of conviction & fire & spirit & umph to get up & do

something, blast the Devil's System to smithereenes! Jesus & Grandpa lit our fuses! They set us "cool" hippies' tails on fire so we shot off our lazy behinds & burned up big & bright for Jesus! We stopped hanging around the Devil like an old idle sloth or "cool" iceberg & started doing all we could for the Lord! Hal!

Isn't that the Devil's device to be "cool"? What is cool & groovy & to be "in" & think "that's really where it's at?" (Heaven: Pride!) Yes! Every bit of it is 100% pride! God's Word through the Bible & the MO Letters is exactly the contrary, (completely opposite) to being "cool" & Worldly!--Which means the Devil is opposed to the Word of God. What does 2Thes.2:4 say? It talks about "the son of perdition, (the Devil) who opposeth & exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped." The Devil, the son of perdition, opposes. What is the root word for opposite? (Children: Oppose.) Right! The Devil is the opposite, totally contrary to God & the Truth! He's a liar & an imitator, in fact, the father & originator of it from the beginning. (Jn.8:44) He opposes God by teaching the opposite of the truth!--Lies & deceit!

It's the exact opposite of the Word of God to be "cool" & to "do your own thing" & be "groovy", "take it easy" & all that kind of philosophy! Isn't that a lie of the Devil? (Children: Yes!) I started thinking right away of so many MO Letters & verses of how the Lord has taught us to be on-fire!-- "Fire & Ice!", "Burn Free!", "God's Explosions!", "No Neutrals", "Glamour or Glory!", "Lovelight!", "Brother Sun!", "Dropouts 1-4!" "Old Bottles!" talks about solidifying, settling down, going slow, doing your own thing, being independent. (Techi: I finished reading "God's Explosions a few days ago & it was really inspiring!) Oh, yes! It's a fire-bomb! POW!

And what does it say in the MOP?--To "Take action! Have conviction, not compromise!" "We Are It" (ML No.2222) says, "We are God's on-fire, ardent, fiery, passionate lovers!" We are the exact opposite of being cool, & anyone who is tempted by that needs to be more insulated & warned against it & rooted & established & built up in the faith by God's Word!

"As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him, rooted & built up in

Him, & established in the faith as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving! Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy & vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments (basic principles or doctrines) of the World & not after Christ!" (Col.2:6-8)

The god of this World tries to deceive your mind & appeal to your vanity & flesh with the things of the World.--Just like the Lord said about Rachel, one of the Family's former leaders, that she went back & backslid because of the "deceitfulness of riches". So beware!

Thank God we are not cool or neutral, lethargic, lazy, independent, fashionable or even care to do things the Worldly way! What a drag, what a bore to live so selfishly & uncaring, lazy, solidified & cooled off! The Devil is such a liar & deceiver! Those poor System teens are deceived! We need to reach them & help pull them out of the Enemy's clutches! The Lord has commissioned us to root out, pull down, destroy, & throw down that which is false in order to build & to plant that which is true! (Jer.1:10)

Our job is to root out & expose the Devil's lies & all his dirty, evil roots & weeds, to yank'm up & expose them to the World, to kill them & throw them in the fire to burn! There's nothing "cool" about war! We are to "cast down imaginations & every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God!" (2Cor.10:3-6) You can only fight such evil by the Word of His Truth, the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God! A white-hot Sword of God's Word sure isn't "cool"! It's quick & powerful & piercing! TYJ! PTL! Ha!

The Lord has pictured us as His Endtime fighters & soldiers clad in spiritual armour which protects us from the fiery darts & wiles of the Devil, with the Sword of the Spirit & the shield of faith! The fighting, vigilant, militant, warring soldier of the Lord is out to kill the Enemy & his lying deceptions, the exact opposite of a lazy "cool" worn of a Worldly guy with his groovy sunglasses & his icky-slick hair & his ridiculous flashy clothes & his devilish junk food & junk music & all the Devil's wealth! The Devil just deludes & lies to those poor kids with the exact opposite message, opposing God & the Truth! Lord help us to reach those teens & give them the truth! It wouldn't be so "cool" to end up in Hell! It's the spirit of America & the

spirit of homosexuality that is polluting other countries all over the World now. This spirit of being "cool" is what America-worshipping youth of other countries are even following now! The whole thing is devilish!

God admonishes His children: "Know ye not that the friendship of the World is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the World is the Enemy of God!" The Devil even tempted Jesus with, "I'll give you all this power & glory of the System if You'll bow down & worship me!" Is that what you want? (Children: NO!) Is that what Jesus wanted? (Children: NO!)

My goodness, that's the last thing we would want is to be cool!

What did we sing today to open our class? "Jesus is hot, not cold like ice!" Another Aaron song is, "The jet set is all wet, the judgements of God they're going to get!" The "jet set" is another name for the cool group, the "in crowd", the Worldly set who jet around & do their own thing, waste time, goof off, do nothing & believe they are their own god! Isn't that horrible? Isn't that just like the Devil's own thing!

"The Revolution for Jesus" compilation (GIF, p.17) says, "Being as subtle & as diabolically clever as he is, the Devil has designed & helped man to create an elaborate system whereby he deceives, seduces"--he tempts you. The Devil can "FF" you for his purpose too by tempting you, luring you, throwing his bait out--& he enslaves the souls of men. He has so twisted & warped most people's sense of values that their entire idea of righteousness & goals worth attaining in life is totally the opposite of God's idea!" Wow! Did you get that?

"The Enemy's means of getting people away from God & His way is to get them to walk according to the course of this World," like a race course. We are running a race to win for Jesus. But the Devil's "cool" crowd is hardly running, they're just being dragged by the balls & chains of the Enemy along his course. "They walk according to the course of this World, according to the prince of the power of the air"--that's the Devil--"the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." (Eph.2:2-6) The god of this World is after disobedient children or followers who will yield to his temptations & yield to the lust of their flesh, the lust of the eyes & the pride of life, the same temptations that Eve first fell for & that 1John 2:15-17 warns us against. So the spirit of the Devil is

working in the children of disobedience.-- And they're walking according to it, they're following the Enemy by doing his thing! "So the Devil's entire method & approach is just the opposite from the Truth!"

Pride is the downfall of man, & was the temptation that caused the Devil to fall from Heaven! (Davida is asked to read Proverbs 16:5 & 18):

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"Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord."

"Pride goeth before destruction, & an haughty spirit before a fall."

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Remember what happened to King Nebuchadnezzar when he had the dream of the tree & was all lifted up in Daniel chapter 4? Nebuchadnezzar boldly testified of his lesson to the entire World after he was cursed by God as a beast on his hands & knees eating grass for seven years! He said, "I have a testimony! I thought it good to show God's signs & wonders for me!--That they that walk in pride He is able to abase!" Sounds like a man who really learned his lesson! Because when he took the glory for himself as he walked through his palace of wonderful, glorious Babylon, worshipping his whore in other words, he said, "Ah, this is what I have done by my power & my majesty!" That's just what the Devil loved to hear! But did the Lord bless it? (No!) It was an abomination to God, a hateful thing to God, & the Lord cursed him for it for 7 years!--The king of the World Empire, the king of the entire World! It must have been quite humbling to wake up from that, huh? Well, Nebuchadnezzar sure had a good lesson to share, that those that walk in pride, God will surely slap down, to show His glory & power! If you're walking in the course of this World, you're walking the Devil's way, in pride!

Let's all turn to John 17. The Chapter title is "The Great Intercessor". This entire Chapter is a prayer that Jesus prayed for His Disciples. Did you know that? "These words spake Jesus, & lifted up His eyes to Heaven, & said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee." I'm going to just give you parts of this chapter. You can circle the verse numbers we read in blue pen. Jesus said in verse six, "I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the World: Thine they were"--they're Your children, God--"and Thou gavest them Me, &

they have kept Thy Word."

God rescued Jesus' Disciples from the World, the Devil's System, & they dropped out! They were saved from having to live a System life for the Enemy, but they still had to be in the World in order to witness & save others from the World, like our Family does today! We are Jesus' Disciples today too, so this is a prayer for us. Jesus is praying here to keep you from the World!

Next verse, nine: "I pray for them: I pray not for the World, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine." He's saying, "I'm praying for Your disciples, Father, that You keep them." Verse 14: (Davida: "I have given them Thy Word; & the World hath hated them, because they are not of the World, even as I am not of the World.") Oh, that doesn't sound very "cool"! Why does the World hate them? Because they are not of the World, even as Jesus is not of the World!

Verse 15: (Tehi: "I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the World, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.") Jesus is praying, "Father, I know it's not Your will to deliver us from this awful Pit yet, but Lord, You keep these disciples from the evil in the Pit!" Understand? Jesus is praying desperately for His disciples because He's about to be killed for His fiery convictions & Truth by the "cool-headed" Jews!--Jesus blew their cool & they couldn't take it! So Jesus soon was to leave His Disciples, & He's praying desperately here for them, "Dear Father, keep them from the evil!"

In verse 16: Jesus repeats, "They are not of the World, even as I am not of the World." You need to see here that you are not of the World, any more than Jesus is of this World! Especially you kids born & raised in the Family, you're God's Own special children, born into our Family as our inheritance! The Lord blessed us disciples with all you thousands of special "Heaven's Children"! You're our reward for serving Jesus! So don't you get tempted or tricked by the god of this World, Satan & his worldly punk-demons, because you are not of that World! You are from God's Heavenly Kingdom, in fact, you are the Kingdom of God!

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"Nothing is more important than God's children & their care, for they are His Kingdom!"

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You were created before the foundation



of the World to live for Jesus! Isn't that a privilege, a wonderful honour, that you don't have to be part of that horrible Devil's Pit out there, like we did when we were growing up! You were created from the foundation of the World to be born & raised in this Family as Endtime Prophets, leaders, real Revolutionary, dropped-out, 110% disciples of Jesus Christ! Are you thankful for that? (All: Amen!) PTL! TYJ!

Even though our Family lives in the World & witnesses to the World, how can we be separated from the World? Verse 17: (David: "Sanctify them through Thy Truth, Thy Word is Truth.") What does sanctify mean? (David: To cleanse & set apart.) Right! When you're in the Ministry of Sanctification or washing dishes, you sanctify or cleanse the dish & you set it apart to dry. Jesus is praying here, "Lord God, cleanse them & set them apart"--how? "Through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth." That's how! The Word is the secret to staying dropped-out; to resist temptation & to stay cleansed from the Devil's dirty Pit! It's God's Word that will keep you from the evil! (Jn.15:3)

The Word is the secret! The Word in your life is what makes the difference! The Word is Jesus! We've got more of Jesus than his twelve Apostles had, because Jesus' ministry only lasted 3-&-1/2 years before He died, & there was very little written Word back then! Aren't we blessed with an abundance of God's Word today!--That's Jesus! So soak yourself in the Word, & be sanctified!

So what's "cool" about Jesus & the Word? (Children: Nothing!) (Techi: It says to be on-fire for the Lord, & humble.) Yes!

"The secret of power & victory & overcoming & fruitfulness & fire & life & warmth & light & leadership & everything, is the WORD!"

Fire-power, that's what we've got in this Family! There's nothing cool about it! (Techi: "Cool" is not even lukewarm!) Yes, that's right! It's worse, it's already cooled off! The World is not even warm, it's burned out & completely cooled off to doing nothing!

God is not "cool", kids! The Bible says, "Our God is a consuming fire!" (Heb.12:29) Did you know that? Grandpa says, "If I can just set you on fire, I know you'll set the World on fire! If you haven't

got the fire, it's just cold, dead icicles, no warmth, no heat. The Spirit can turn you on & give you glory & glamour & beauty & joy & light & heat & everything! It's the Spirit that makes the difference! You'll never set anybody on fire without it!" Look how many times Grandpa mentions heat & fire & light & warmth just in "Glamour or Glory!" (ML #328)

"Has your singing or music or whatever you do got the power, the fire of God? If it's not, it's dead works & it will never set anyone else on fire either. God help you to have the fire-power in all you do! Amen? What good is a furnace when its fire goes out? It's cold & dark & useless. It's not the furnace, remember, it's the fire that makes it hot. If you're on fire, the World will come out to see you burn!"

And Grandpa said, "I'm going to burn up big & bright for Jesus!" Hallelujah! Are you? (Children: YES!) Or do you want to be "cool"? (Children: NO!)

Here are some quotes from "Burn Free!" (ML No.0) "Grandpa saw a vision of a flame of fire on a candle in the midst of gross darkness with many hands reaching out...The candle seemed constantly in need of replenishing by the hand of the Candlemaker & the Keeper of the flame. The Candlemaker & Keeper of the flame was of course the Lord. And we are His candle, dead without His oil (His Spirit!) & the ignition of His power!" You're dead when you're cool!

"Burn free, beloved, burn free, let nothing quench His fire, & nothing shall! We shall set the World on fire by the power of His Spirit, to burn away the works, the wood, hay & stubble, the dross & the chaff, leaving only the gold & silver & precious jewels for His crown. Burn free, beloved, burn free! You shall set the World on fire for His Kingdom!"

"Hold fast to that which thou hast that no man steal thy crown."--Don't let the Devil come & steal your heritage & your victory & your fire for Jesus! "Let not the Enemy have dominion over you, for whom the Son hath made free is free indeed! Don't let them rob you of the flame of His freedom!" TYJ! Amen! Lord help us to burn free for Jesus! (Sings: "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine! Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine!")

Don't ever quench or "cool down" the flame, the Spirit & freedom & fire-power of God! Burn up big & bright for Jesus! Burn

free, Beloved, & it'll ignite others & turn them on too & rescue them from their darkness to come & join us!

"Come, let's set the World afire for God & enlighten the hearts of men everywhere to repent! This is your day, let it burn! Tomorrow may be too late!" Wow! It's just not "cool" to follow Jesus! It's hot stuff! So be on-fire for Jesus!

Do you believe that? (Children: Amen!)

Okay, then you prove it to me now! I'll challenge you with the Devil's worldly message & ways teens can be tempted with being "cool", & you give me an answer from God's Word! OK? The Bible says, "Be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness & fear!" (1Pet.3:15) So let's have some answers from God's Word, with fire & conviction! Are you ready?



**THE DEVIL'S SYSTEM SAYS:**  
(2Cor.4:4; Eph.2:2)

Be "cool"!

Dress "cool", look "cool", love Worldly things.

Act "cool", walk "cool".

Think the World is "cool".

Cool down, keep it cool. Play it cool!

Do your own thing.

Be somebody! Be yourself!

The World is where it's at, this is it!

Be "in" with the "in crowd".

**GOD'S WORD SAYS:**  
(Heb.4:12; Jn.17:17)

Rev.3:16--Because you are lukewarm, I will spew you out of My mouth!

1Jn.2:16--Love not the World or Worldly things. The lust of the eyes, the pride of life is not of God.

1Sam.16:7--Man looketh on the outward appearance, God looks on the heart.

Dan.4:37b--They that walk in pride He is able to abase.

Gal.5:16,17--Walk in the Spirit! The flesh lusteth against the Spirit.

Rom.1:21--When they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, but became vain in their imaginations & their foolish heart was darkened. (Gen.6:5, 8:21; Pro.6:16-18)

Burn free! Let no man quench His fire!

Luke 22:42--Not my will, but Thine be done!

Luke 9:23--Deny yourself. Be a hole full of nothing! I must decrease, He must increase! (Jn.3:30)

"We Are It!" (ML #2222)

Jan.4:4; Rom.12:2; 2Cor.6:17--"Come out from among them & be ye separate & touch not the unclean thing, & I will receive you." (Rev.18:4)

Little children, keep yourselves from idols! (1Jn.5:21)