

Do Not Love the World - 1 John 2:15-17

Topics: Affections, Culture, Desires, Ego, Eternal Life, God, God's Will, Happiness, Joy, Life-style, Love, Lust, Needs, Obedience, Peer Pressure, Pride, Relationships, Satisfaction, Self-esteem, Sin, World

Open It

- * 1. What makes TV commercials and advertisements so appealing?
- 2. What sort of promises do TV commercials and advertisements make?
- 3. Which of these three most clearly motivates the people you know and live near: (1) the drive to meet their physical needs, (2) the drive to get things, or (3) the drive to succeed?

Explore It

- * 4. What restrictions should we place on our affections? (2:15)
- 5. What should believers not love? Why? (2:15)
- 6. What is the result of loving the world? (2:15)
- 7. Why did John tell us not to love the world? (2:15-17)
- 8. What are the things of the world? (2:16)
- 9. How did John categorize the things in the world? (2:16)
- 10. From where do the things in the world come? (2:16)
- 11. From where do the things in the world not come? (2:16)
- * 12. What passes away? (2:17)
- * 13. Who lives forever? (2:17)

Get It

- * 14. How do we love the world and the things in it?
- 15. What things in the world are you tempted to love?
- 16. What would you categorize as “the cravings of sinful man”?
- 17. What would you categorize as “the lust of the eyes”?
- 18. What would you categorize as “the boasting of what he has or does”?
- * 19. Why are the things and values of the world so enticing to us?
- 20. What worldly things or values do we substitute for God?
- 21. What does it mean to do the will of God?
- 22. How can we guard against adopting the values of the world?
- 23. From what worldly thing or value do you need to turn in order to pursue your relationship with God?

Apply It

- * 24. What specific steps will you take in order to find satisfaction in your relationship with God rather than in the things of the world?
- 25. How will you do the will of God today?