

July 30, 2017  
I John 2:12-17

## **WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT: PART II LOVE GOD AND NOT THE WORLD**

### **I. Introduction:**

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-40

### **II. Three Essential Truths About Life:**

A. Realize: **LIFE IS ABOUT LOVING GOD AND LOVING OTHERS.**

B. Remember

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12] “I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. 13] I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I John 2:12-13

C. Resist

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“The human heart will love. It is not a question of whether you love. It is a question of \_\_\_\_\_ you love.” John Ortberg.

15] “Do not love **the world or anything in the world**. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16] For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.” I John 2:15-16

- \_\_\_\_\_: the cravings of sinful man
- \_\_\_\_\_: the lust of his eyes
- \_\_\_\_\_: the boasting of what he has and does

Problem: They \_\_\_\_\_!

17] “The world and its desires **pass away**, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.” I John 2:17

**POINTS TO PONDER**  
**Week of July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Do Not Love the World - 1 John 2:15-17**

**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?