

“Do Not Love the World

1 John 2:15-17

1 John 2:15-17—¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Sermon Outline

- I. Love for the World Quenches Love for God
- II. The World and Its Desires Will Pass Away
- III. Whoever Does the Will of the Father Abides Forever
- IV. Seek First to Love God

Matthew 6:24— “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

James 4:4— You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Matthew 22:37-40— And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 13:22— As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

Luke 17:32— Remember Lot’s wife.

Psalms 102:25-26— Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,

Matthew 24:35— Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you studied the passage before? If so, what has stood out to you the most in the text and your personal application?
2. Does “not loving the world” mean that it is wrong for a Christian to seek to succeed in business or a career? Why/why not?
3. Why does John not give us the option, which seems possible, to be partially committed both to God and to the world?
4. Which have the greater attraction: the pleasures of the world, which are only for a season, or those pleasures at God’s right hand, which are for eternity?
5. What most dominates your mind: thoughts and schemes after worldly advancements, or resolutions and efforts to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord?

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2 Peter 3:7 — *But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.*

Psalm 143:10 — *Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!*

John 6:29 — *Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”*

1 John 5:4-5 — *For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

Romans 12:2 — *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Matthew 7:21 — *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

John 5:38 — *and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.*

Matthew 6:33 — *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

Colossians 3:1-3 — *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*