

Key Christian Passages: 1 John 2:15-17

**Do Not Love the World**

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**ONE COMMAND**

**1. I Am Not to Be \_\_\_\_\_ the World or Any \_\_\_\_\_ of the World (15a)**

- Present tense command (*continually keep yourselves from*)
- The meaning of “Love”:  
 What is HATE?: Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple."  
 • *Choosing to set your focus and affection upon something.*

- Love is expressed NOT by what I **feel**, but what I **choose** to do (my focus, my time, my effort & energy, my money, etc.).

**FOUR REASONS**

- 1. Inability: I Cannot Love the World \_\_\_\_\_ Love God (15b)**
  - Love is exclusive at each level – you cannot focus on 2 “loves” at the same time.
  - Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."
  - Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
- 2. Compatibility: These Things Do Not \_\_\_\_\_ from God (16)**
  - Lust of the flesh – living by what \_\_\_\_\_ good
  - Lust of the eyes – living by what \_\_\_\_\_ good
  - Pride of life – living by what makes \_\_\_\_\_ look good
- 3. Investment: These Things Do Not \_\_\_\_\_ (17a)**
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ is passing away
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of the world is passing away
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ : Doing What God Wants Makes the Difference (17b)**
  - Is \_\_\_\_\_ (“love”)
  - Is \_\_\_\_\_ (“focus”)
  - Where? \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (the realm of what lasts)