

Key Christian Passages: 1 John 2:15-17

Do Not Love the World

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 lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

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For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.	ὅτι πᾶν τὸ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, ἡ ἐπιθυμία τῆς σαρκὸς καὶ ἡ ἐπιθυμία τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν καὶ ἡ ἀλαζονεία τοῦ βίου, οὐκ ἔστιν ἐκ τοῦ πατρὸς ἀλλ’ ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου ἐστίν.
And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.	καὶ ὁ κόσμος παράγεται καὶ ἡ ἐπιθυμία αὐτοῦ, ὁ δὲ ποιῶν τὸ θέλημα τοῦ θεοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

ONE COMMAND

1. I Am Not to Be Loving the World or Any Part 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 and 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 Come from God (16)

- Lust of the flesh – living by what feels good
- Lust of the eyes – living by what looks good
- Pride of life – living by what makes me look good

3. Investment: These Things Do Not Last (17a)

- The world is passing away
- The lust of the world is passing away

4. Eternity: Doing What God Wants Makes the Difference (17b)

- Is Doing (“love”)
- Is Abiding (“focus”)
- Where? Into the forever (the realm of what lasts)