

Love not the World

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1 John 2:15-17 - 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. 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. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

The Devil, Like a Lion

1 Peter 5:8-9 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

He isn't just looking to lick or nibble on his prey; he wants to devour. "He can never be content till he sees the believer utterly devoured. He would rend him in pieces, and break his bones and utterly destroy him if he could. Do not, therefore, indulge the thought, that the main purpose of Satan is to make you miserable. He is pleased with that, but that is not his ultimate end. Sometimes he may even make you happy, for he hath dainty poisons sweet to the taste which he administers to God's people. If he feels that our destruction can be more readily achieved by sweets than by bitters, he certainly would prefer that which would best effect his end." (Spurgeon)

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- 1. Think of your standard for success and would you say it is worldly or godly**
- 2. Think of your standard for what makes a person attractive, is it world or godly**
- 3. Think of your standard for spirituality....**

**The Love of God is not
in you**

1 John 2:16 - 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.

1. Eve took the forbidden fruit because she saw it was good for food, how good the food would taste and how it would satisfy her – The lust of the flesh

2. Eve took the forbidden fruit because she saw that the fruit was pleasant to the eyes, how pretty and desirable it was – the lust of the eyes

3. Eve took of the forbidden fruit because she believed it was desirable to make her wise – the pride of life.

Be sober - Wake Up

Called to be different

Develop Spiritual Muscle

Daniel 6:10 - Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 - But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Application

Will you give some thought to this teaching?

Will you honestly and openly seek the Lord and ask him?

Where have I allowed the world to take a hold of my life?

Will you seek to change?