

Do Not Love The World

1 John 2:15-17

Where the Battle is Won or Lost

Not often, but every once in a while, God brings us to a major turning point—a great crossroads in our life. From that point we either go toward a more and more slow, lazy, useless Christian life, or we become more and more on fire, giving our utmost for His glory.

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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[a]—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.

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How do you know if you love something?

DO you think about it?

Do you talk about it?

Do you get excited about it?

Do you sacrifice for it?

Do you obsess over it?

Do you defend it?

Do you return to it?

Do you learn about it?

Do you work for/at/on it?

Do you allow it to control you?

Do you privately hoard it?

Do you proudly share it?

What are things that those closest to you would say that you love?

What ETERNAL THINGS occupy your mind, heart, resources, and time?

What TEMPORAL THINGS occupy your mind, heart, resources, and time?

How much? How does your investment in each of these compare?

Disciple or Deserter - The Unfortunate Story of Demas

- + Colossians 4:14**
- + Colossians 4:7-18**
- + 2 Timothy 4:10**

So what, now what?

- + What has the Lord shown you this morning?**
- + What's important to you about this topic & verse?**
- + What might be getting in the way of a closer walk with Jesus?**
- + What is one step you can take? By when?**

Disciple or Deserter

You can never be the same after the unveiling of a truth. That moment marks you as one who either continues on with even more devotion as a disciple of Jesus Christ, or as one who turns to go back as a deserter. (John 6:66)

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