

# BOOK OF 1 JOHN

## Lesson #5 -Do Not Love the World

Scripture Reading: 1John 2:15-17

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### Introduction:

1. E.g. Keeping one's eyes on the road.
2. We must not love the world, nor the things in the world
3. We do not love the world because of...

## **I. WHAT THE WORLD HAS**

### **A. DEFINITIONS**

1. Lust of the flesh
  - a. This would include sexual immorality
  - b. The satisfaction of any fleshly indulgence apart from God's will.
2. Lust of the eye
  - a. Pursuing happiness by what one sees
  - b. This is a focus on the temporal, not the eternal -2Co 4:16-18
3. Pride of life
  - a. Motivates on to "keep up with the Joneses"
  - b. Seeking one's own glory

### **B. EXAMPLES:**

1. Eve -Ge 3:1-6
2. Jesus -Mt 4:1-11

## **II. WHAT THE WORLD DOES NOT HAVE**

### **A. DISTINCTION TO BE MADE**

1. One cannot walk in two paths -Mt 7:13, 14
2. One cannot walk after the flesh and the Spirit -Ga 5:16-ff

### **B. THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM**

1. We remember what God has done for us -Jn 3:16, Ro 5:6-9; 8:31-ff
2. Sin loses its luster in the light of God's love!

## **III. THE WORLD IS PASSING AWAY**

### **A. TWO IMPORTANT TEMPS:**

1. Our life is temporal -Ja 4:14; Ro 13:11-14
2. The world is temporal -2Pe 3:10-13

### **B. HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF GOD**

1. Loving God -Jn 14:15
2. Knowing His will -Hos 4:6; Ac 17:11
3. Doing His will -Ja 1:22; Ro 2:13; Lk 6:46; Mt 7:21-23

### Conclusion:

1. What do we focus upon? (World, or God?)
  2. Two destinies:
    - a. The world will be destroyed along with those who follow
    - b. Those who do God's will abides forever!
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