

The Kingdom of Light and Life
Loving the World
1 John 2:15-17

Do not _____ the world? v.15

The _____ v. 16

- The Lust of the _____
- The Lust of the _____
- The _____ of Life

The world is _____ v.17

My Response:

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Weekly Memory Verse: "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father but is from the world." I John 2:16

Often the longings of our hearts are not for the things of God's kingdom but flow "from" the world of darkness. How do the messages all around us cause us to "long" for the wrong things?

The message "do not love the world" is not a message of being drawn to sinful things. It is a message of letting go of all that is temporal in exchange for what is eternal. How does this change its meaning to you? (think worldview)

John Piper writes *"The critical question for our generation—and for every generation—is this: If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ were not there?"* Ponder the deeper implications of this question.

Read Hebrews 11:13-16. How do those in the Faith Hall of Fame (Hebrews 11) embody the idea of abandoning the realm of darkness that they could see for a world that they could not see.

If the world and all that is in it is passing away, how should we order our lives?