

Bible Study Series: 1 John – Living As His Light (lesson 4)

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Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.
¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:15-17

1. God's Love must only be used for _____.

*To truly understand what John is talking about we must first make sure we understand: LOVE

*John continually uses the word, LOVE to describe "Light's" behavior

*"LOVE" is AGAPE = God's Love, given to us to be used in "appropriate" ways

*Appropriate uses for Agape:

Agape directed to God = _____

Agape directed to One Another = _____

Agape directed to the Lost = _____

However, if we take God's love and use it "inappropriately" we disconnect ourselves from God!

"...If anyone loves the world, *love for the Father is not in them.*" 1 John 2:15b

2. Loving the World is to engage in _____

"For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—*comes not from the Father but from the world.*" 1 John 2:16

3. Christ-followers will be focused upon _____!

"The world and its desires pass away, but *whoever does the will of God lives forever.*" 1 John 2:17

*All that which seeks to replace God in my life will pass away...it won't matter, it doesn't matter

*Instead, Christ-followers will seek Kingdom Righteousness because it is eternal!

*Kingdom Righteous = Think _____!

*God isn't telling us that the stuff in the world is inherently bad...only that we can make it bad

*The common problem is that we try to live a life of God + something

Conclusion:

How do I know if I am having a problem with this?

- **What bothers you more: missing your quiet time with God or TV show/shopping/work?**
- **What bothers you more: missing corporate Worship or the big game/concert**