

Light, Life and Love: A Series in 1 John  
The Traps of this World  
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.”

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**Main Point:** Loving the Father breaks the love we have for the things of this world.

*“I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”*

Psalms 81:10

**Point One:** The love of the world precludes the love of the Father.

What do I “love” more than God?

1. The desires of the flesh- selfish pursuits apart from God. A self-sufficient independence from God and love of pleasure.
2. The desires of the eyes- to be captivated by the outward, visible splendor and appearance resulting in greed and desire in a covetous way.
3. Pride in possessions- defining life and success in whatever status symbol is important to me or seems to define my identity.

*“Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”*

James 4:4

**Point Two:** Loving the world is empty love.

*“This is what I mean, brothers; the appointed time has grown very short...For the present form of this world is passing away.”*

1 Cor. 7:29; 31

Dangers of living in this world:

- We live as though Jesus will give us ample warning of His return.
- Our time and money show we love this world more than we love God.
- Our comfort depends on our surroundings, not on contentment in Jesus Christ.

*Loving the Father breaks the empty and dying love of this world.*

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Next week: Look Out for Opposition 1 John 2:18-27