

Sermon: Loving the World
Bible Verses: 1 John 2:15-17
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A command from God: do not _____ the world or anything _____.

1 John 2:15: Loving God and loving the world are _____.

- From the world: things that my _____ desire (tastes, touches, sensual desires, smells, etc). In other words, when I am carnally minded and focused on _____ things.
- From the world: wishing for, or dreaming of _____ *things* in this world.
- From the world: the _____ that I'm really that important (i.e. "indulging _____ is okay").
- Jesus told large crowds that they must _____ their family to _____ him (Luke 14).

Most of the time we want _____ what the world offers; we want _____.

I have a choice to make: do I want this _____, or do I want _____?

All things in the world are _____ except things _____ to God.

Eternal life _____, by enjoying God's presence and learning to abide in him, and it _____ ends!

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS:

1) *What in my life am I _____ to give up? What am I trading _____ presence for?*

2) *Will I "_____ with God"? Will I abide/dwell with him by knowing him and spending time with him?*

Taking it home: Questions for those who want to go deeper!

Day 1. Read question #1 in the "practical questions" section. Write a list. Include items that would be hard to give up.

Day 2. Read Ecclesiastes 2:10-11. What did Solomon attempt to do, and what lesson did he learn?

Day 3. Read Luke 14:28-33. What was Jesus' point by telling these stories?

Day 4. Read 1 John 5:1-5. What is the relationship like between someone who believes in Jesus, and the world?

Day 5. Read #2 from the "practical questions" section. How can you "abide" with Jesus better? Read John 15:5-8.