



The Things of the World
1 John 2:15-17

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For growing Christians, the things of the world can be a great danger. Life becomes more abundant as we grow in Christ, and the abundance of life that we experience can cause us to take our eyes off of Him.

It's important to remember that abundant life is found in Christ and not in the things of the world. We must not take the Father's blessings and turn them into personal idols.

In our text, John warned believers not to love the world or the things in the world.

Main Thought...

➔ A true lover of God must not love the things of the _____.

1. The things of the world are a _____ to your love for God (v. 15).

Jn. 3:16; 12:31; Jam. 4:4; Psa. 97:10a

2. The temptations of the world are a _____ of your devotion to God (v. 16).

- _____ of the desires of the flesh (v. 16a).
- _____ away from the lusts of the eyes (v. 16b).
- _____ to the pride of life (v. 16c).

Pro. 16:18; Gen. 3:6; 2 Cor. 11:3

3. The pleasures of the world can _____ you away from the will of God (v. 17).

Heb. 11:24-25; Philem. 1:23-24; Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:10a

Final Thoughts...

➔ Have you turned any blessing of the Father into an _____?

➔ Has anything in the world dampened your love for _____?