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Title: Word Up!

Text: 1 John 2:15-27

Target: The choices you make today have consequences for tomorrow.

I.A Word of Warning to the Conformist: *“Do not love the world or the things in the world.”* (Vs. 15a)

A. The Philosophy of this World: *“the world.”*

B. The Pursuit of the World: *“If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”* (Vs. 15b)

C. The Pattern of this World: *“For all that is in the world...is not from the Father but is from the world.”* (Vs. 16a)

1. **The Cravings in our Appetites:** *“The desires of the flesh”* (16b)

2. **The Covetousness in our Affections:** *“The desires of the eyes”* (16c)

3. **The Chase in our Ambitions:** *“pride of life”* (Vs. 16d)

D. The Passing of this World: *“And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”* (Vs. 17)

II.A Word of Watchfulness to the Church: *“Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming...”* (Vs. 18a)

A. Watch out for Antichrists: *“so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the **last hour**.”* (Vs. 18b)

B. Watch out for Imposters: *“They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.”* (Vs. 19)

C. Watch out for False Teachers: *“I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.”* (Vs. 21)

1. **“Jesus is good, but not God”:** *“Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?”* (Vs. 22a)

2. **“Jesus was a man, but not God”:** *“This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.”* (Vs. 22b)

3. **“Jesus is not the way to God”:** *“No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.”* (Vs. 23)

III.A Word of Wisdom to the Christian: *“Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you.”* (Vs. 24a)

A. The Priority of Abiding: *“If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.”* (Vs. 24b)

1. **Reveals Salvation:** *“And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.”* (Vs. 25)

2. **Recognize Deception:** *“I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.”* (Vs. 26)

B. The Purpose of Anointing: *“But the anointing that you received from him abides in you.”* (Vs. 27a)

1. **The Anointer:** *“But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.”* (Vs. 20)

2. **The Anointing:** *“But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.”* (Vs. 27)

Takeaway: Don't seek another person's anointing because it wasn't made to fit you. The power of your anointing only comes from the place of your abiding.