

# LIVING FOR WHAT LASTS

1 John 2:12-17

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## SCRIPTURE READING

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1 John 2:12-17; 1 John 4:4; 5:19; Ephesians 6:10-13; Matthew 6:19-24;  
Romans 12:1-2; 13:14; Galatians 6:7-10; James 4:1-10

## STUDY QUESTIONS

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1. Do you live with confidence that God has forgiven your sins (2:12)? When have you sensed God's forgiveness in a meaningful way? How can you guard against taking His grace for granted? In what ways might gratitude for His forgiveness shape your daily walk with Christ?
2. How are you growing in your knowledge of Christ (2:13-14)? Do you know Christ more deeply today than you did a year ago? What has helped or hindered your spiritual growth? What practical counsel would you give someone who desires to mature in their faith?
3. How often does Satan gain the upper hand in your life (2:13-14)? Why do you still lose battles even though Christ has won the war? How does 1 John 4:4 encourage perseverance? How can trusting in God's power reshape the way you face temptation?
4. What does it mean to "not love the world" (2:15)? How can you pursue work and success without allowing them to replace devotion to God? How can discern when "enough is enough"?
5. Are you more tempted by what you should not have (immorality) or by what you do not have (materialism)? How can you grow in contentment and cultivate an eternal mindset (2:16-17)? Where do you invest most of your time and attention (work, family, finances, entertainment, reputation)? What priority does God hold in relation to these other pursuits? How do Jesus' words in Matthew 6:33 call you to realign your priorities with eternal values?

## RECOMMENDED READING

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Kenneth Berding, *The Bible by Heart: The Bible's Own Method for Scripture Memory* (Christian Focus, 2026)

C. J. Mahaney, *Worldliness: Resisting the Seduction of a Fallen World* (Crossway, 2008)

Gary Thomas, *Pure Pleasure: Why Do Christians Feel So Bad about Feeling Good?* (Zondervan, 2009)