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First Epistle of John

WEEK FOUR

"DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD "

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer
2. Read 1 John 2:12-17.
3. First John lists several purposes for the authorship of this letter. What reasons are given in verses twelve to fifteen?
4. In verse fourteen what is implied as the source of strength for the young men? What does it enable them to do in this verse?
5. What are we told not to do in verse fifteen?
6. List the categories of worldly pursuits given in verse sixteen:
7. Who, according to verse seventeen, is the one who lives forever?
8. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world."

~ 1 John 2:15-16

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 2:12-17.
2. Think about people or things (hobbies, etc.) that you love. How do you act? How do you prioritize your time, energy, and finances to invest in these things?
3. John tells us that, as believers, we should not love the world. What do you think he means by this?
4. When you love something you willingly give up time, invest energy, and spend resources to invest in a particular relationship or hobby. Think about your life for a moment. What things or people take up the majority of your time, energy, thought life, and resources? What percentage of those things is worldly and what percentage is spiritual in nature? Is there any area in which you feel your affections are out of balance?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 2:12-17.
 2. In verse sixteen John mentions the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes. How does Genesis 3:6 describe Eve's motivation/reason for taking the forbidden fruit?
 3. In Genesis Eve saw the fruit was a "delight" to her eyes and "desirable" to satisfy her craving to be like God. In this instance the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the boastful pride of life work together to tempt Eve to sin. How does James 1:13-15 describe the process of sin?
 4. Like Eve, we too are tempted daily to disobey the commands of the Lord. We follow our various lusts into sin or, like so many, try to create a law of our own as though we are somehow above God's law (one of the many forms of the boastful pride of life). What encouragement does 1 Corinthians 10:13-14 offer and why do you think sin is called idolatry?
 5. What is an area in your life of repeated struggle or temptation? What steps can you take to provide more accountability in this area that will help you flee the temptation to carry out sin?
 6. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 2:12-17.
2. Who, according to Ephesians 6:12, is in control of the "world" in which we live?
3. Satan and his demonic forces have been given authority for a time here on earth. When we love the world, we demonstrate affection for his ungodly system. What does Matthew 6:24 say we cannot have?
4. As Christians we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to choose between the love of the world and the love of God. All too often we are distracted by the things of the world and begin to pursue and prioritize worldly things over spiritual things. The church in Ephesus had done many things well; what did God hold against them in Revelation 2:2-4? What does He tell them to do in verse five?
5. Can you honestly say you are devoted to the Lord above all else? Is He your first and highest love? If not, what must change in your heart and your actions to put Him in His rightful place?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 2:12-17.
 2. What does James 4:4 say about trying to be too close to the world and its pursuits?
 3. What do 1 Corinthians 10:12 and Ephesians 5:15 urge us to do? Why do you think Paul issues these warnings?
 4. 1 Corinthians 3:9-15 describes what happens when a believer passes from this life to the next. In this passage our good works that we did with a pure heart out of devotion to the Lord remain. What does it say will happen to someone who is a believer, but has spent a lifetime loving the things of this world, and not building anything of eternal value?
 5. What does Jesus pray on our behalf in John 17:11 and 14-17?
 6. How can we live in this world without serving its desires and being captivated by its lusts?
 7. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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