

# Heart Rivalry

From the Series,  
"Authentic Trust"

*1 John 2:15-17*  
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**TRANSFORMING TRUTH**

*Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.*

## 1. The Determining of Our Affections (15)

- a. A declared prohibition - "Do not love the world ..."
  - i. Love {Thayer} - to take pleasure in the thing, prize it above other things, be unwilling to abandon it or do without it, to welcome with desire, long for.
  - ii. World {Thayer} - worldly affairs; the aggregate of all things earthly; the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments, riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which, although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce us from God, and are obstacles to the cause of Christ.

*1 Cor 2:12-14 - "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."*

*James 4:4 - "You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."*

- b. A deeper probing - "...or the things in the world."
- c. A defining principle - "...If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

*Love of the Father is not in him - 'not': the absolute negative LIT rendering: "Not" is the love of the Father in him..."*

## 2. The Diagnosing of Our Affections (16)

- a. The world system provokes inflamed delights - "...the desires of the flesh..."

### **Satisfying a legitimate desire in an illegitimate manner**

- b. The world system promotes illicit desires - "...the desires of the eyes..."
- c. The world system produces inflated delusions - "...the pride in possessions..."

## 3. The Destiny of Our Affections (17)

- a. Loving this world embraces a destiny of ruin - "And the world is passing away along with its desires..."
- b. Loving the world to come welcomes a destiny of reward - "...but whoever does the will of God abides forever."