

Short New Testament Letters From God: If Tomorrow Never Comes... Is He My Only One?

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(1 John 2:15-17; James 4:7-8)

Introduction

Our 2023 Bible studies will spring from “Short New Testament Letters.” Every Sunday we will study and apply God’s Word. So our third Bible study in this series, “If Tomorrow Never Comes,” also comes from the short New Testament letter of 1 John. Today we will be in 1 John, chapter 2, looking at verses 15, 16 & 17.

Study God’s Word

A. The Competition (2:15)

B. Their Strategy (2:16)

1. Lust of the Flesh
2. Lust of the Eyes
3. Pride of Life

C. The #1 Seed (2:17)

Apply God’s Word - 4 plays to make Him your only One

1. Submit (James 4:7)
2. Resist (4:7)

3. Come Near (4:8)
4. Wash & Purify (4:8)

Conclusion

In the Game of Life, when the final buzzer goes off, will you be on the right team?

Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. Our 2023 Bible studies focus on Short New Testament Letters from God (Galatians-Philemon, James, 1/2 Peter, 1/2/3 John, Jude and Jesus' letters in Revelation 2-3). Our Verse-of-the-Week for the next 5 weeks is James 4:14-15, Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." What impact have these verses had on your life the past 3 weeks?
2. Why do you think it can be easy for us to love the world and what it has to offer?
3. In what ways do you get tripped up by:
 - a. Lust of the flesh
 - b. Lust of the eyes
 - c. Pride of life
4. What kinds of things have you treasured in this world that will eventually pass away? Does this help you see the importance of keeping God #1 in your life?
5. What things of the world right now are stopping God from being #1 in your life?
6. How can the 4 plays to make Him your only One in the sermon help you to put God in the #1 spot in your life?

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