

1ST JOHN - THE WAYS OF THOSE THAT WALK IN THE LIGHT

Lesson 7

Review: *We continue to examine how this "world's system" uses the "things of the world" to alienate our affections for the Father and His Will for our lives. Through the "lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life", it tempts us to seek the fulfillment of God-given drives and desires by unscriptural means. 1 John 2:15-17*

I. CRUCIFYING THE LUST OF THE FLESH BY THE PRINCIPLE OF THE CROSS

Synopsis: *Choosing to satisfy my God-given physical desires by obediently submitting to the standards of God's Word. This is love expressed as a sacrifice.*

II. CONQUERING COVETOUS EYES BY PURSUING CONTENTMENT

Synopsis: *Choosing to see my life through eternal values (as expressed in God's Word) which reveals this world's things and treasures are temporary and don't provide any real measure of success or security. This is love expressed as dependence.*

III. CANCELLING THE PRIDE OF LIFE WITH THE LIFE OF HUMILITY

Synopsis: *Choosing to submit and surrender to God's sovereign control and authority (as revealed in his Word) that I might experience a true sense of strength, self-worth and significance. This is love expressed as trust.*

A) Surrender in trust to His sovereign PURPOSES - Phil. 2:5-11

B) Surrender in trust to His sovereign PROVIDENCES - Rom. 8:28-29

1) There is grace for the day of TEMPTATION - 1 Cor. 10:11-13 / Jam. 4:5-8

2) There is grace for the day of TESTING - Deut. 8:1-3

3) There is grace for the day of TRIAL - II Cor. 12:1-10 / Phil. 4:13

4) There is grace for the day of TRIBULATION - Psal. 34:6,17 / Jn. 16:33

C) Surrender in trust to His sovereign POWERS - 1 Pet. 2:13-20

1) He is sovereign over SECULAR authorities - Rom. 13:1-7

2) He is sovereign over SPIRITUAL authorities - Heb. 13:7,17

D) Surrender in trust to His sovereign PROMOTIONS - Psalm 75:4-7

1) He can promote our STATION - 1 Pet. 5:5-6

2) He can promote our SITUATION - Prov. 22:4

E) Surrender to the Sovereign all PRAISE - Psalm 34:1-3

1) DETERMINE to praise Him for all He does

2) DEFLECT all praise to Him for all we do