

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

Lesson 6

Review: *We continue to examine how this "world's system" uses the "things in this world" to alienate our affections for God 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 satisfaction of the God-given drives and desires by unscriptural means.*

BRINGING THESE DRIVES UNDER THE SPIRIT'S CONTROL - 1 John 2:15-17

I. APPLYING THE CROSS TO THE LUST OF THE FLESH - Rom. 8:5-8

A) Stages of crucifixion ...

- 1) A judgment is PRONOUNCED - Rom. 7:18-24
- 2) This comes with the PENALTY - Gal. 5:16-24
- 3) The penalty involves PAIN - Heb. 12:2-4
"The immediate goal was not death, but suffering and shame."
- 4) The life of the flesh PERISHES - Gal. 6:14
- 5) The release of the Spirit's POWER - Gal. 2:20
"The cross wasn't to bring reform or rehabilitation, but resurrection."
- 6) The life that brings God PLEASURE - 1 Pet. 4:1-2

II. CONQUERING COVETOUS EYES WITH CONTENTMENT - Phil. 4:10-13

A) How do we view our TIME on this earth

- 1) The covetous see it TEMPORALLY
- 2) The content see it ETERNALLY

B) How do we view the THINGS of this earth

- 1) The covetous see them as something to DISPLAY - Lk. 12:15-21
- 2) The content see them as something to DISTRACT - Col. 3:1-2

C) How do we view the TREASURES of this earth

- 1) The covetous are obsessed to GAIN - 1 Tim. 6:5-10
 - a) Which lead to TEMPTATIONS
 - b) Which lead to TRAPS
 - c) Which turn them from TRUTH
 - d) And fill their life with TROUBLE
- 2) The content see opportunity to GIVE - 1 Tim. 6:17-19