



Day 1

Sermon Sentence: Don't let the enticement of this world rob us from our original purpose.

1 John 2:15

Wow, John really lays it out for us here and it seems pretty harsh. If we look at our lives how many of us can say that we don't love anything of this world? It is wrong for us to allow anything from this world to take the place of God in our lives. When we do this we are actually breaking the first commandment by replacing the true God with something from the world.

- Do you have things in your life that you have a love for that is inordinately high?
- Do these things often get in the way of or take the place of time with God?
- What are some things in this life that we are often guilty of loving?

Here is an example from the OT and the NT about having the wrong priorities.

Genesis 19:26 & Luke 9:62

- What caused Lot's wife to look back?
- What was Jesus referring to?
- If Jesus were to return today, would there be anything that would cause you to look back?



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1 John 2:16

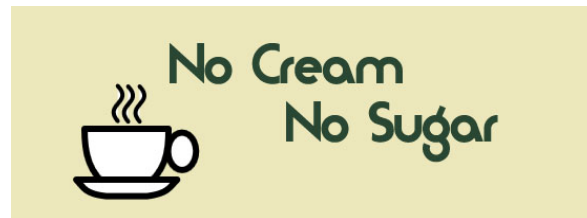
When John says, “For **all** that is in the world...”, he makes it clear that everything in the world is not of the Father! He goes on to place sins into three categories. We see the word desire in two of the three types of sins listed.

- What is it about desire that is so easily manipulated into sin?
- What did Satan desire that caused him to fall into corruption?
- How did Satan use desire to cause Adam and Eve to fall?

Desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17-24, Ephesians 2:1-3 & Romans 8:7

- What are some example of desires of the flesh?
- Why are they always contrary to desires of the Spirit?
- As Christians what are we instructed to do with our fleshly desires in our walk with Christ?



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Desires of the eyes.

Exodus 20:17 & 2 Samuel 11:2

If you have read the story of King David and Bathsheba you know the punishment that David endured because of his sins relating to this affair. It is interesting that this entire story and all the cascading sins started with the desire of the eyes. David simply looked upon a beautiful woman and desired (coveted) her and that was enough for him to commit adultery, lie, and even murder a righteous man in an attempt to cover his sins.

- What is so dangerous about coveting or desiring the things of others?
- Do you find yourself desiring things that your friends or neighbors have?
- What are some common things that most of us find ourselves coveting?
- What happens when coveting progresses into jealousy?
- If jealousy progresses into hate, what is the most likely next sin that will happen?



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Pride of life.

Matthew 4:8-10

The Devil was trying to bribe Jesus with all the things of the world if He would just bow down and worship him. Can you imagine the arrogance of the Devil to say this to God? The Devil's tactics never change and this is a favorite he uses against sinful man! So what is the "pride of life"? It is anything that gives us the illusion of pride about worldly things or things we view as our accomplishments. When we elevate these things in our lives to a prideful state we tend to brag about them, use them against our fellow man to make them jealous and often obsess over them.

- What are some common things in our lives that we are prideful about?
 - Why do we often take full credit for the blessings in our lives as our accomplishments?
 - Why do we become prideful?
 - Why is pride often described as a "false virtue"?
 - What are the dangers of pride?
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- What is the most glaring example of pride throughout the Biblical account?



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1 John 2:17 & Hebrews 4:15

Finally John brings this section concerning the love of the world to a close by telling us why we shouldn't want to love such a temporal thing, because it is passing away. Conversely, doing the will of God will bring eternal life because God is eternal and the things of God are also eternal. We should make every effort as Christians to avoid the pitfalls of sin the world tempts us with and remain in the will of God.

John 6:40

- What is the will of the Father concerning our lives?
- If we remain in that will, what help do we have in our walk?
- If we stray and allow the world to corrupt us, what happens to the purpose God has for our lives? How does it affect our witness?
- We will always have sin in our lives but what should the Christian attitude towards sin be?
- Can you identify with some of these sins in your life that you may have been ignoring in light of what John is teaching?