

NOT FOR SALE

Goal:

Pursue God like never before so we can Serve God together like never before

I'm Not for Sale...

The comfort of INDEPENDENCE and SELF

James 1:12-18

*God blesses those who **patiently endure testing and temptation.***

*Afterward they will receive the crown of life that **God has promised** to those who love him.*

*And remember, **when you are being tempted,** do not say, "God is tempting me."*

God is never tempted** to do wrong and **he never tempts anyone else.** Temptation comes from **our own desires,** which **entice us** and **drag us away.

We are not the consumers... This world sees you as the Prey

God called us to a life of total DEPENDANCE and SELFLESS living

James 1:15

*These **desires** give birth to **sinful actions.** And when **sin is allowed to grow,** it gives birth to **death.***

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My own DESIRES and APPETITES

John 3:16

"For this is how God loved the world: (For God loved the world so much that) He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

1 John 2:15-18

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for **when you**

love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a **craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything** we see, and **pride in our achievements and possessions**. These are **not from the Father**, but are from this world. And **this world is fading away**, along with **everything that people crave**. But anyone who does what pleases God will **live forever**.

John 3:16 -

PEOPLE

1 John 2:15-18

STRUCTURE

We are NOT FOR SALE

Craving for physical pleasure - INTEGRITY

Craving for everything we see - GENEROSITY

Pride in our achievements and possessions - HUMILITY

This world only really offers us 2 options

- ISOLATION

- IMITATION

Because of Jesus

- NEW CREATION

1 Corinthians 5:16-17

So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!

*This means that **anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person**. The old life is gone; a **new life has begun!***

James 1:16-18

So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters.

*Whatever is **good and perfect** is a **gift** coming down to us **from God our Father**, who created all the lights in the heavens. He **never changes** or casts a shifting shadow.*

***He chose** to give birth to us by **giving us his true word**. And **we**, out of all creation, became **his prized possession**.*

Titus 3:3-7

Once we, too, were **foolish and disobedient**. We were **misled** and **became slaves** to many **lusts and pleasures**. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.

But — When God our Savior revealed **his kindness and love**, he **saved us**, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of **his mercy**. **He washed** away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of **his grace he made us right** in his sight and gave us **confidence** that we will inherit eternal life.

Talk It Over

1. Share a time when you wanted something so bad that you did something crazy (went way above and beyond) to get it!
2. Read 1 John 2:15-18 together again- Share what you “see” in the text - what does it say to you?
3. Why do you think we buy the isolation and imitation of this world instead of allowing God to completely make us a new creation?
4. Encourage one another by sharing where you see God changing your life, making you a New Creation. Take some time to point out what you see in one another as well.
5. Pray together