

# 1 JOHN

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## The Danger of an Affair with the World

1 John 2:15-17

NOTES:

### Focus Passage

**1 John 2:15** *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

**James 4:4** *You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. (NLT)*

### The C\_\_\_\_\_ is Clear (v.15)

**1 John 2:15** *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

### The C\_\_\_\_\_ is Real (v.16)

**1 John 2:16** *For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.*

1. The desires of the flesh
2. The desires of the eyes
3. The pride of life

### The C\_\_\_\_\_ is Certain (v.17)

**1 John 2:17** *And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

**1 John 3:23** *And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.*

**Psalms 139:23** *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 Point out anything in me that offends you and lead me along the path of everlasting life. (NLT)*

**Proverbs 28:13** *People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy. (NLT)*

## Application & Reflection Questions

1. Take some time this week to identify your attachments. Ask God to show you what worldly loves are in your life. Apply Proverbs 28:13 and 1 John 1:9 as you go to the Lord.
2. Which of the “desires of the flesh, desires of the eyes, or pride of life” do you feel is the biggest struggle in your own life right now? Why? Are you willing to surrender that to Jesus? Ask someone you trust to pray for you.
3. Can you think of a time when chasing something worldly left you feeling empty? What did you learn from that experience?
4. How can we encourage one another as Christ’s bride to keep our love for God above everything else?

### SONGS

HOUSE OF THE LORD  
GRAVES INTO GARDENS  
THE STAND  
ALL HAIL KING JESUS

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2025 Giving vs Need: \$241,145.02 Below Need  
Altamont Expansion Fund: \$233,609.79  
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