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Do My Will

Do you love the world? This is a very important question. Is your life motivated by what you want to have and do and be? I'm not sure what you mean. What are you asking me? Do you want to be rich? Do you want to have an abundance of possessions? Are you always pursuing the next latest and greatest thing? Do you want to accomplish great things? Do you want to make a name for yourself? Do you want to be admired and respected and looked up to? Do you live for the applause of the crowd? Do you need constant affirmation from people? Is your perspective earthly? Are you living for all that this world will offer you? Do you now understand what I am asking of you? Yes, I do.

I have been enticed by the world. I have chased after all that the world offers. I have wanted the latest and greatest new thing. I have pursued riches and honor and prestige. I have wanted to make a name for myself. I have wanted to accomplish great things. I have wanted to hear the applause of the crowd. I have wanted to be admired and respected and looked up to. My perspective has been earthly. I have lived for the moment. I have not had an eternal perspective. I have chased after what is unsatisfying and will one day amount to nothing. Forgive me. **You are forgiven.**

What changes would you like to make? I want to have a heavenly perspective. I want to live the life that you are calling me to live. I want my love for you to motivate and enflame my desire to serve you. I want my heart and mind and life to be focused on you. I want to know and do your will. I want to follow you to where you lead me. I want to do what you ask of me. I want to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. I want to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I want to live for the applause of heaven. I want to do what is good and right and pleasing in your sight. One day, I want to hear you say, "well done, good and faithful servant. To be and do all that you have called me to be and do I will need your help. **Is that your desire? Is that your prayer?** Yes Lord, it is. **I will hear and answer this desire and prayer of your heart. I will help you to know and do my will.**

Lord, I have loved the world. I have wanted what the world offers. I have been filled with craving, lusts and boasts. I have been proud of what I have and have done. Forgive me. I pray that my love for you will now motivate and enflame my desire to do your will. Amen

Do Not Love The World

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Discipleship – 1 John 2:15-17

In Context: *Read 1 John 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How you making sure that you are not in love with the things of this world?

When have you been enticed and drawn toward loving the things of this world?

Why can you not love both the world and your Heavenly Father?

How will loving the world pull you away from where the Lord wants to lead you?

How is your love for God motivating your desire to do His will?

How is your love for God being demonstrated by your doing His will?

What are you living differently now because you love God and want to do His will?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Turn away from loving the world so that you can demonstrate your love for God by doing His will.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that your love for God will motivate your desire to do His will.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how your love for God is motivating your desire to do His will.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May your love for God motivate your desire to do His will.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Heavenly Father, my love for you motivates my desire to do your will.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Heavenly Father, how can I express my love for you by doing your will today?
