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## **Love Me**

**Do you love me? If you love me you will not love the world. Do you love me? If you love me, you will leave behind the cravings of your old sinful life. Do you love me? If you love me, you will not allow yourself to lust with your eyes over what you see in the world. Do you love me? If you love me, you will not boast about what you have. Do you love me? If you love me, you will not boast about what you have done.** Now, can I answer your question? **Yes, you may answer my question.** Yes Lord, I love you. I do not love the world. I do not love the things in the world. This world is not my true home. I am not foolishly storing up treasures in this life that will soon pass away. I want to store up treasures in heaven with you. Yes Lord, I love you. You have made it possible for me to walk away from the cravings of my old sinful life. Walking away from my old sinful cravings is what I have done and will continue to do with all your help. Yes Lord, I love you. I am not allowing my eyes to lust after what I see in the world. I am keeping my heart and mind and life firmly focused on you. Yes Lord, I love you. I will not boast about what I have. All that I have has come as a gift from you. You have richly blessed my life. I will not boast about what I have done. You are the one who has been working in and through my life. If I have accomplished anything it is because you have allowed me to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Apart from you I can do nothing. I give you thanks and praise and glory and honor for what you have done, are doing and will do in and through my life. It is my desire and joy to both know and do your will. That is how I want to spend my life. I want you to use me to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. I want to live my life loving, following and serving you. Yes Lord, I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. **Yes, I do know that you love me.** That is very good. **I agree.**

*Lord, I once was entangled in the cravings, lusts and boastful things of this world. Thank you for breaking me free from all of that. Now, I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. Help me to know and do your will as I follow and serve you. Amen*

**God's Will** *Do Not Love The World*

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

NIV 1 John 2:15-17

**God's Will** *Do Not Love The World*

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. 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. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

ESV 1 John 2:15-17

**God's Will** *Do Not Love This World*

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.

NLT 1 John 2:15-17

**God's Will** *Do Not Love The World*

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. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

NKJV 1 John 2:15-17

**God's Will** *Do Not Love The World*

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

NRSV 1 John 2:15-17

**God's Will** *Don't Love The World's Ways*

Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.

MSG 1 John 2:15-17

**God's Will** *Do Not Love The World*

Do not love or cherish the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things]—these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself]. And the world passes away and disappears, and with it the forbidden cravings (the passionate desires, the lust) of it; but he who does the will of God and carries out His purposes in his life abides (remains) forever.

AMP 1 John 2:15-17

**God's Will** *Stop Loving The World*

Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love these things you show that you do not really love God; for all these worldly things, these evil desires—the craze for sex, the ambition to buy everything that appeals to you, and the pride that comes from wealth and importance—these are not from God. They are from this evil world itself. And this world is fading away, and these evil, forbidden things will go with it, but whoever keeps doing the will of God will live forever.

TLB 1 John 2:15-17

**God's Will** *Do Not Love The World*

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

NASB 1 John 2:15-17

**God's Will** *Do Not Love The World*

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If you love the world, the love of the Father is not in you. These are the ways of the world: wanting to please our sinful selves, wanting the sinful things we see, and being too proud of what we have. None of these come from the Father, but all of them come from the world. The world and everything that people want in it are passing away, but the person who does what God wants lives forever.

NCV 1 John 2:15-17

# Do Not Love The World

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**God's Will** – 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?)***

Lord, I once was entangled in the cravings, lusts and boastful things of this world. Thank you for breaking me free from all of that. Now, I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. Help me to know and do your will as I follow and serve you. Amen

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

When have you been tempted to love something that is in the world?

**Why is loving the world and loving God incompatible with each other?**

**What cravings, lusts and boastful things have you left behind from your old life that once loved the world?**

How are you avoiding looking at things that might stir up lust in you?

Why is foolish to boast about what you have or what have done?

Why would it be a waste of your life to pursue the cravings, lusts and boastful things of this world?

**How is your love for God demonstrated by your desire to know and do His will?**

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

Leave behind cravings, lusts and boastful things of this world so you can love, follow and serve God with all your heart.

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

Have faith that the Lord will help you to leave behind cravings, lusts and boastful things of this world.

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**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 demonstrated by knowing and doing His will.

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**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you leave behind the cravings, lusts and boastful things of this world so you can love God.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will leave behind the cravings, lusts and boastful things of this world so I can love you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I can love, follow and serve you today as I leave behind the things of this world?*

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