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## **Love Me**

**You have two choices before you.** Just two choices? **Yes, only two choices.** What are my choices? **You can love the world and everything in it. You can pursue comfort and pleasure. You can seek after awards and accomplishments and accolades. You can revel in the applause of others. You can try to acquire an abundance of possessions. You can be filled with pride with what you have and what you have accomplished. You can crave what you don't have or haven't done. You can be on a constant, never ending, unsatisfied search for more of the latest and greatest best thing. You can have your heart and mind and life entirely focused on this world and all it offers.** Wait a minute, what you have already outlined seems like way more than two choices. **I haven't even gotten to your other choice yet. Everything I have outlined so far is part of one choice.** I want to hear more about the other choice that is before me. **That's good.**

**You can love me.** That is my other choice? **Yes, that is your other choice.** Are the two choices in opposition to each other? **That is a very good question. You can't love me and love the world. They are two different desires. They are two different courses. One leads away from me. The other leads toward me. If you love me, you will draw near to me. You will come to know and love and follow and serve me. It will be your joy and pleasure to live a life of doing what pleases me. You will go wherever I guide you. You will do whatever I ask you. You will live and walk through life with me. You will live in my presence. You will hear my voice leading and guiding you through life. My hand will be on you. You will bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name. You will one day come to live forever in heaven with me. All of this is part of the other choice that is before you.** I see, now the two choices before me are quite clear. **What is your choice?** You know my choice. You knew my choice before I was even born. **That's true. I still want to hear you say aloud, what is your choice.** I will love you. I will follow you. I will serve you. I will live my life with and for you. All that I have, all that I am, all that I hope to be, is yours. I am giving myself to you, with all that is within me. **That is very good.**

*Heavenly Father, I will not love the world and all it offers me. I will not be filled with pride over what I have or have done. I will not seek comfort and pleasure. I will not crave what I do not have. Instead, I will love you by living a life that is pleasing to you. Amen*

**Promises***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

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ESV

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NLT

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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

**Promises***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

**Promises***Do Not 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

**Promises** *Do Not Love Or Cherish 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

**Promises***Stop Loving This Evil 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

**Promises***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

**Promises***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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Promises** – 1 John 2:15-17

**In Context:** *Read 1 John 2:15*

**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?)***

Heavenly Father, I will not love the world and all it offers me. I will not be filled with pride over what I have or have done. I will not seek comfort and pleasure. I will not crave what I do not have. Instead, I will love you by living a life that is pleasing to you. Amen

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

**Why would it be a tragic mistake to love the world and the things it offers you?**

When are you likely to be most tempted to love the things of the world?

**How is your love for God putting an end to your love for the things of the world?**

Why is it foolish to take great pride in the things you have or accomplished?

What do you have or accomplished that has not come to you as a gift from God?

How are you investing your time, talent and resources into what will last forever?

**How is your love for God giving you a passionate desire to do what is pleasing to Him?**

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

Do not love the things of this world rather love God and live a life of doing what is pleasing to Him.

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

Have faith that God will help you to love Him by living a life of doing what is pleasing to Him.

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

Share with another person or your small group how you are living a life of doing what is pleasing to God.

**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 love God and live a life of doing what is pleasing to Him.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Heavenly Father help me to love you and live a life of doing what is pleasing to 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?)*

*Heavenly Father, how can I love you and do what is pleasing to you today?*

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