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Love For You

I do not love the world. I do not love the things of this world. I no longer have sinful cravings that come from this life. My eyes are not filled with lust. My heart is not full of boasting. Nothing from this world is motivating my life or filling my desire. **What is your desire? What is motivating your life? What has turned you away from pursuing all that this life would offer you? What has given you a new and higher and better perspective? Why is your life on a different course?** My love for you has filled me with desire. I want to know you. I want to love you. I want to live my life with and for you. I want to live in an intimate relationship with you. I want to attentively listen to you. I want to follow your guidance. I want to receive your instruction. I want to be able to know and do your will. I want to follow you to where you lead me. I want to do whatever you ask of me. Your love for me and my love for you has turned me away from what is alluring in this life. I will no longer pursue what has no lasting value. I will pursue you and the life you are calling me to live. My heart and mind and life are focused on you. I am living from a heavenly perspective. I want to store up treasure in heaven with you. I want to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **You have very good desires in you.** That is because they have come from you. **That is true.**

Do you know what has happened to you? Do you know where you are on your journey? I am not sure what you mean. **Your life of salvation has already begun. My Holy Spirit is in you. You are walking through life with me. Even though life in your current body will end; you will one day come to live forever in heaven with me. My Holy Spirit in you is guiding and guarding you and giving you good work to do, that will last for all eternity. This is the life of salvation I have given you to live now and forever.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, things of this world mean nothing to me. I will not live for the cravings of sin. Instead, my love for you has given me the desire to know and do your will. I will want to please you; in all I do. Thank you that my life of salvation with you has already begun. Amen

Promises

Lives Forever

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NIV 1 John 2:15-17

Promises

Live Forever

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

Promises

Live Forever

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

Remains Forever

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

Lives Forever

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

Abides Forever

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

Promises

Abides Forever

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NKJV 1 John 2:15-17

Promises

Is Set For Eternity

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

Live Forever

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 Lives Forever

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

Lives Forever

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – 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, things of this world mean nothing to me. I will not live for the cravings of sin. Instead, my love for you has given me the desire to know and do your will. I will want to please you; in all I do. Thank you that my life of salvation with you has already begun. Amen

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

How is loving God with all your heart giving you the desire and ability to know and do His will?

Why is doing the will God far more important than anything else you could do with your life?

Why will doing the will of God make you able to bear fruit that will last for all eternity?

How are you investing your life in knowing and doing what God asks of you?

What joy has been yours as you have gone and done the will of God?

How has loving God and doing His will making you able to already start living the life of salvation you have been given?

How can you know for sure that you will one day live in heaven with God for all of eternity?

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

Let your love for God give you the desire and ability to know and do His will.

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

Have faith that you will live in heaven with God for all of eternity.

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 giving you the desire to know and do His will.

Close With Prayer:

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

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 give you the desire and ability to know and do His will.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, my love for you is giving me the desire and ability to know and do your will.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will my love for you give me the desire and ability to know and do your will today?
