



Do Not Love the World—PART I (I John 2:15-17)

Two Worlds

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☑ Do not love the world

☑ **One World**

☑ **Y’shua is not of this world:** “So the Jews said, “Will He kill Himself, because He says, ‘Where I go you cannot

come'?" And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of **this world; I am not of this world**. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.'" John 8:22-24 NKJV

☑ **You are not of this world:**

☑ "“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. **If you were of the world**, the world would love its own. **Yet because you are not of the world**, but I **chose you out of the world**, therefore the world hates you.” John 15:18-19 NKJV

☑ “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them **because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world**. I do not pray that You should take them **out of the world**, but that You should keep them from the evil one. **They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world**. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.” John 17:14-18 NKJV

☑ **The God of that world!**

☑ **The Ruler off this World:**

- ☑ “Now is the judgment of this world; **now the ruler of this world will be cast out.**” John 12:31 NKJV
- ☑ “And when He has come, He will **convict the world** of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because **the ruler of this world is judged.**” John 16:8-11 NKJV
- ☑ **The wicked one:** “We know that we are of God, and **the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.**” I John 5:19 NKJV
- ☑ **Rulers of the darkness:** “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the **rulers of the darkness** of this age, against **spiritual hosts of wickedness** in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:12 NKJV
- ☑ **The Father of Lies:** “Jesus said to them, “**If God were your Father, you would love Me**, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. **Why do you not understand My speech?** Because you are not able to listen to My word. **You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.** He was a murderer from the beginning,

and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, **he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.** But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? **He who is of God hears God's words;** therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God." John 8:42-47 NKJV

☑ **Be different than that world**

☑ **Do not be conformed to this world:** "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. **And do not be conformed to this world,** but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

☑ **Friendship with the world is enmity with God:**

"Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that **friendship with the world is enmity with God?** Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." James 4:4 NKJV

☑ **Do not be unequally yoked:** “**Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.** For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?” II Corinthians 6:14 NKJV

☑ **For God so loved the World**

☑ **The Other World**

☑ **God loved the world?** “**For God so loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:16-17 NKJV

☑ **We are of God:** “**You are of God**, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world [Satan]. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world,** and the world hears them. **We are of God.** He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.” I John 4:4-6 NKJV

- Our citizenship is in heaven:** “For **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,” Philippians 3:20 NKJV

- “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.” I John 2:16 NKJV*

- For all that is in the world—is not of the Father**

- Who has title deep to “this world’s” kingdoms?** “Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, **and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.** And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”” Matthew 4:8-10 NKJV

- His Kingdom is NOT of this world!** “Jesus answered, “**My kingdom is not of this world.** If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”” John 18:36 NKJV

- Warnings and Commissions**

- ☑ **Warning:** “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul**, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they **speak against you as evildoers**, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.” I Peter 2:11-12 NKJV
- ☑ **Salt and Light:** “**You are the salt of the earth**; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. **You are the light of the world**. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV
- ☑ **Lust of the flesh**
 - ☑ **For the flesh lusts against the Spirit:** “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **For the flesh lusts against the Spirit**, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. **Now the works of**

the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things **will not inherit the kingdom of God.**" Galatians 5:16-21 NKJV

- ☑ **No condemnation—those who do not walk according to the flesh:** "There is therefore now **no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh**, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us **who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh**, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is

life and peace. **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God;** for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God." Romans 8:1-8 NKJV

☑ **Lust of the eyes**

☑ **If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out:**

☑ ““You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that **whoever looks** at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. **If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out** and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.” Matthew 5:27-29 NKJV

☑ **“And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out** and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.” Matthew 18:9 NKJV

☑ **The eyes are the window to the soul**

☑ **The eye that mocks his father:** “**The eye that mocks his father**, And scorns obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.” Proverbs 30:17 NKJV

☑ **If your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness:** “The **lamp of the body is the eye.** If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But **if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness.** If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”
Matthew 6:22-23 NKJV

☑ **Look away from worthless evil things!**

☑ **Turn away from worthless things:** “**Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,** And revive me in Your way.” Psalms 119:37 NKJV

☑ **Shuts your eyes from seeing evil:** “He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, He who despises the gain of oppressions, Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, **And shuts his eyes from seeing evil:**”
Isaiah 33:15 NKJV

☑ **What you should look at!**

☑ **Fix your eyes on His word:** “My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. **Do not let them depart from your eyes;** Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. **Keep your heart with all**

diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you. **Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you.** Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.” Proverbs 4:20-27 NKJV

- ☑ **Fix your eyes on Y’shua:** “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,** who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV
- ☑ **The pride of life**— “A proud and haughty man— “Scoffer” is his name; He acts with arrogant pride.” Proverbs 21:24 NKJV
- ☑ **A proud look:** “These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: **A proud look,** A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to

evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.” Proverbs 6:16-19 NKJV

☑ **A proud thought:** “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to **think of himself more highly than he ought to think**, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”

Romans 12:3 NKJV

☑ **A proud countenance:** “The wicked **in his proud countenance** does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.” Psalms 10:4 NKJV

☑ **God resists the proud:** “But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “**God resists the proud**, But gives grace to the humble.”” James 4:6 NKJV (“Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.”

Proverbs 3:34 NKJV)

☑ **God hates pride:** “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; **Pride** and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth **I hate.**” Proverbs 8:13 NKJV

☑ **Pride brings shame:** “**When pride comes, then comes shame**; But with the humble is wisdom.” Proverbs 11:2 NKJV

☑ **Pride is an abomination and brings destruction:**

- ☑ “**Everyone proud in heart is an abomination** to the Lord; Though they join forces, none will go unpunished... **Pride goes before destruction**, And a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.” Proverbs 16:5, 18-19 NKJV
- ☑ “**Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty**, And before honor is humility.” Proverbs 18:12 NKJV

- ☑ “*And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*” I John 2:17 NKJV
- ☑ **Heaven and earth will not pass away...**
- ☑ **Earth will pass away:** ““Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till **heaven and earth pass away**, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.” Matthew 5:17-18 NKJV
- ☑ **And the world is passing away...**
- ☑ **Earth has passed away:** “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the **first earth had passed away**. Also there was no more sea.” Revelation 21:1 NKJV

☑ **The will of God**

☑ **Know His will:** “Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, and **know His will**, and approve the things that are excellent, being **instructed out of the law,**” Romans 2:17-18 NKJV

☑ **The good and acceptable and perfect will of God:** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove **what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**” Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

☑ **You won't do your own will:**

☑ **Y'shua did not come to do His own will:** “For I have come down from heaven, **not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me**, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And **this is the will of Him** who sent Me, that everyone **who sees the Son and believes in** Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”” John 6:38-40 NKJV

- ☑ **He who seeks his own glory does his own will:** “Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. **If anyone wills to do His will**, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. **He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory**; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.” John 7:16-18 NKJV
- ☑ **The will of the Father:** ““Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.** Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; **depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness [sin is lawlessness]!**”” Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV
- ☑ **Not my will but Your will be done!** “He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; **nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.**”” Matthew 26:39 NKJV

NEXT WEEK

Do Not Love the World—PART II (I John 2:18-29)