



Pastor Jeff's Daily Devotion

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1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

The world here is a symbolism for the way this sinful world lives and what they long for. I always like to call it living by the world's scoreboard. What does this world say is important? What do you need to be happy? What does this world run after?

So, the mandate here is to not love or set our affections on the world and anything in the world. You cannot love both because they go in two different directions. Set your affections on loving God, not the world.

Three things are listed here as coming from the world. The cravings of sinful man are the desires that take us in the wrong direction. This is that "bent" in all of us. This is taking God-given drives and meeting them in ungodly ways. *Lust of the eyes* is coveting, wanting things and thinking things will satisfy us. *Pride of life* is taking credit for what God has given you.

Satisfying these desires are only temporary, but God's will is eternal.

Lord, let me live for you today. Not playing the game this world plays but living in such a way that shows my trust in you.