



## CONTROLLING LIFE'S LUSTS

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**1 John 2:15-17** - Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father<sup>15</sup> is not in them. **16** For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. **17** The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. (NIV)

**15** 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. **16** 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. **17** And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever. (NLT)

**15** Don't set the affections of your heart on this world<sup>15</sup> or in loving the things of the world. The love of the Father and the love of the world are incompatible.<sup>15</sup> **16** For all that the world can offer us—the gratification of our flesh, the allurements of the things of the world, and the obsession with status and importance<sup>15</sup>—none of these things come from the Father but from the world. **17** This world<sup>15</sup> and its desires are in the process of passing away, but those who *love to*<sup>15</sup> do the will of God live forever. (TPT)

**15** 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; **16** 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. **17** 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)

**15** Do not love the world [of sin that opposes God and His precepts], nor the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world—the lust *and* sensual craving of the flesh and the lust *and* longing of the eyes and the boastful pride of life [pretentious confidence in one's resources or in the stability of earthly things]—these do not come from the Father, but are from the world. **17** The world is passing away, and with it its lusts [the shameful pursuits and ungodly longings]; but the one who does the will of God *and* carries out His purposes lives forever. (AMP)

**15** Don't love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in them. **16** Everything that is in the world—is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world and its cravings are passing away, but the person who does the will of God remains forever. (CEB)

# UNDERSTAND THE 3 MAIN LUST DISTRACTIONS IN LIFE

## 1. The CRAZE for Sexual Pleasure - The Lust of the Flesh

- **CRAZE - OBSESSION, ADDICTION, COMPULSION**
- Craving for physical pleasure
- The Gratification of the flesh
- Crazy for Sex
- The lust *and* sensual craving of the flesh
- The craving for whatever the body feels,
- **CONNECTION TO PEOPLE AS GOD INTENDED**

## 2. The CRAVING for Consumer Pleasure ...The Lust of the Eyes

- **CRAVING - LONGING, YEARNING, WANTING**
- Craving for everything you see and want
- The allurement of the things of this world
- The ambition to buy everything that appeals to you
- The lust *and* longing of the eyes
- The craving for whatever the eyes see
- Chasing what you don't have but want
- **CONTENTMENT WITH GOD HAS PROVIDED**

## 3. The CHASING for Status Pleasure - The Lust of the Image

- **CHASING - PURSUING, HUNTING, STRIVING**
- The pride of life - our achievements and possessions
- Conceit over who you have become and what you have
- The obsession with status and importance
- The pride that comes from wealth and importance
- The boastful pride of life [pretentious confidence in one's resources or in the stability of earthly things]—
- The arrogant pride in one's possessions
- **COMMITMENT TO GOD AND HIS VIEW OF MY LIFE**

### **SUMMARY**

1. Do not "love this world" or the things the world offers - Sex, things and success aren't wrong. They are created by God - have their place but they CAN'T be what drives us!
2. If loving these things it your FOCUS, PRIORITY, GOAL - The love of God the Father is not in you - not evident - it shows that you really don't love God. The love of the Father and the love of the world are incompatible.
3. The Prioritization of going after THESE things in life is from this WORLD clearly not GOD'S Plan.
4. These EARTHLY PLEASURES and the world's encouragement or society's push to make the DRIVING PURSUIT of them what life is about will pass away.
5. Whoever does the WILL OF THE FATHER - lives to PLEASE GOD - LOVES to do life GOD'S WAY - does the will of God *and* carries out His purposes - lives forever, remains forever - will get God's approval in life!