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E-votional 119

Do Not Love The World

1 John 2:15-17 (NKJV)

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.

I think the times we are living in and in fact have been living in are a cause for deep reflection in the area mentioned in the chosen passage of Scripture about loving the world and the things in it. There are as it is many distractions that loom at us from every direction. We have a massive increase in technological advancements, medical advancements, social advancements, financial advancements, agricultural advancements, etc. Now, we know that everything that God created is good and is to be received with thanksgiving as it is written in 1 Timothy 4:4 about the foods we eat. But we also know that even though God created that man can and often does adulterate all of His creations.

With that being said, what can we say about all of our advancements? Is God behind all of our advancements? Well, I would have to say yes and no. There really needs to be a level of personal involvement as it pertains to your own relationship with the Lord here as well as a good amount of discernment. However, a blanket rule for all of us regardless of exactly what we are talking about is that if we hold anything in love or regard higher than our love for God it becomes clear that the love for God may not be in us.

Now, in regards to my previous answer of yes and no. It is a solid yes that often God is behind many of our advancements but it is also a no because satan can utilize anything in God's creation to distract us by using or pulling on our sinful desires. It is also interesting to note along with that idea what the Apostle James said in James 1:14 (NKJV),

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

There it is, each one is in fact tempted when he is drawn away by His own desires and enticed. With that being said, we all have a responsibility in maintaining our vessels to honor God.

You know, several illustrations come to mind for me. I look at the video ministry that we have started and all of the cameras and social media platforms we use as tools to get God's Word out there and all of our smart devices that have really made life more connectable in many ways. And to be honest, I have in the past couple of years taken a more keen interest in technology. I am not ashamed to be using these tools that God has put at my disposal. But, my point here is that if we become more reliant on these tools than on God through the Holy Spirit, then what love is that? We might as well then just replace the Holy Spirit completely. Or maybe in many ways we already have. Think about that for a second. Are you in danger of relying more on the advancements of this world than on God Himself? Just an honest question that we can ask ourselves in prayer.

Further, we have church growth advancements that have been really popular in the past decade or so. There are numerous books on the subject and even in our Christian universities, there are many church growth courses. But again, if we love these or regard these greater than God, then what love is that? And if we rely on these tools more than on God through the Holy Spirit, then what love is that?

You know, the Apostle Paul mentioned someone that was doing ministry with him but later departed from him because he fell in love with the world. This fellow laborer with Paul was named Demas and he is briefly talked about in Colossians 4:14, Philemon 1:24, and 2 Timothy 4:9-10. In both Colossians and Philemon, it is clear that Demas (whom we don't know much about) was a fellow worker with Paul. But when we read 2 Timothy 4:9-10, we see that Demas somewhere along the line departed from Paul because he fell in love with the world.

2 Timothy 4:9-10 (NKJV)

Be diligent to come to me quickly; for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

We may not know all about the specifics of Demas. However, we can truly say,

that when one falls in love with this world they fall out of love with God. Brothers and sisters this is a dangerous thing!

The heartbeat of this message is simple, let the reader discern, that if anything in our life is distracting us from the truth of God's Word and following Him wholeheartedly and we begin to put that ahead of God's ways, we are invariably showing that our love has migrated from the Father to the world. We must at all costs be diligent to rid our hearts of the love that we may have for the world and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us back to the love of the Father.

Brothers and sisters, our hearts desire for you is sure, that you love God more than anything else in this life and that His face would shine upon you like never before and that the light that is shining on you would be an example to all those you come in contact with of just who you belong to. May the Lord truly bless you and keep you in Jesus name. Amen.

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