

## 1 JOHN 2:15-17

### LUST OF THE FLESH, LUST OF THE EYES AND THE BOASTFUL PRIDE OF LIFE

#### Feeling, Seeing, Telling

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## FIRST VERSE

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### OUR “FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD” IS ALWAYS IN DANGER OF BEING SHORT CIRCUITED IF WE “CHOOSE” TO LOVE THE WORLD

#### WHAT IS LOVE OF THE WORLD?

FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF OUR NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE -**JAMES AD 44-49**

You Can't Love the WORLD and GOD at the same time...It's one or the other!

James 4:1 *What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source - your pleasures that wage war in your members?* <sup>2</sup> You *lust* and do not have; so you commit murder. You are *envious* and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup> *You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.* <sup>5</sup> Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: *“He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”?* <sup>6</sup> But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it (Scripture)

says, "God is opposed to the **proud**, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup> Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> **Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.**

## **SECOND VERSE**

**1John 2:16.** 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.

**CORRELATE TO JESUS TEMPTATION...ALL 3 WAYS BY SATAN and NOW serves us as **our mediator between ourselves and God the Father****

**1Tim. 2:5** For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

**Heb. 4:14** Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, **but One who has been tempted in all things as we are**, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**JESUS WAS TEMPTED IN ALL WAYS FOR OUR BENEFIT AND TO PROVE HE WAS A PERFECT SACRIFICE...Lust of the flesh, Lust of the eyes and The boastful pride of life**

**Matt. 4:1** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to Him,

### **TEST ONE-LUST OF THE FLESH**

*"If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." <sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"*

**What does Lust of the Flesh look like in your life?--*You must reckon it as dead***

### **TEST TWO-BOASTFUL PRIDE OF LIFE**

*<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You'; and 'On their hands they will bear You up, So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'"*

*<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"*

**What does The Boastful Pride of Life look like in your life?—*Stop it, be humble***

### **TEST THREE-LUST OF THE EYES**

*<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; <sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him. **3 Times Tested and 3 Times Victorious with WORD OF GOD!***

**What does Lust of the Eyes look like in your life?—*Stop Looking!***

## **THIRD VERSE**

*1John 2:17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.*

**WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD? ONLY JOHN TELLS US WITH THIS PHRASE, "THE WILL OF THE FATHER" EXPLAINED IN HIS GOSPEL!**

**John 6:38-40** *"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup> "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> **"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."***

### **PETER ALSO TELLS US OF GOD'S WILL.....**

**2Pet. 3:8** *But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, **but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.** <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.*

**Watch this...**God's "PERFECT WILL", is the salvation of all His Creation...**However,** While He desires His creation to be saved, He NEVER "forces" love from anyone. **Instead He offers unconditional AGAPE Love to everyone** so that **ANYONE** can be saved who wants to be saved!

**The world of UN-Believers are trapped in sin-The Lust of the Flesh, The Lust of the Eyes and The Boastful Pride of Life, BUT YOU ARE NOT!!!!**

**As Believers/who are God's Children, How Do We Overcome The Lust of the Flesh, The Lust of the Eyes and the Boastful Pride of Life?**

- 1.** Your flesh loves to sin and you can overcome the desire to sin by **taking up your cross-Dying to self** and following after Jesus.
- 2.** **If you have died to self**, Don't breath life back into your OLD SELF!
- 3.** **REMEMBER TO SURRENDER** to the Holy Spirit by listening to His voice and practicing obedience to God, who abides in you (See 1 John 3:24)

**Are you ready to talk about Spiritual Warfare because Satan is a real enemy who loves to take advantage of your weakness to destroy your fellowship**

**with God the Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit Who fights your old sin nature 24/7 ? BE HERE NEXT WEEK!!!!!!**

- 1. Your flesh doesn't need any help to crave sin** (Especially with *Lust of the flesh, Lust of the eyes and the Boastful Pride of Life*), BUT THE ENEMY LIVES TO DESTROY THE WORK OF GOD AND WILL ALWAYS TEMPT you where you are prone to fall!

**NEXT WEEK:** We will study Spiritual Warfare, because it is real and you can expect Satan and/or his demons to tempt you in all ways just like Satan tempted Jesus...

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A VICTIM OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE, BECAUSE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD ARE VICTORIOUS IN CHRIST JESUS!**

REMEMBER THIS IN CLOSING... **1 JOHN 4:4b** "*because **greater is He who is in you** than he who is in the world.*"