

Overcoming our Love for the World

Part 2 – 1 John 2:16

I. Satan's plan to draw us away from loving God by wrong desires (1 John 2:16a)

A. ***Lust of the flesh*** – Sinful cravings for physical pleasures

- Addictions: Craving things that control our body
- Obsessions: Craving excess of things that are good
- Sexual Immorality: Craving perversions of what is good

B. ***Lust of the eyes*** – Sinful cravings for what is not ours and is not moral.

- Sexual Immorality: Every form of sexual immorality is a violation of God's created moral order.
- God is Moral: God created moral order and holds us accountable to be moral since we are made in His image (Genesis 1:26, 27; Hebrews 13:4).

C. ***Boastful pride of life*** – Arrogance about our possessions, abilities, appearance, etc.

II. God's Solution to our wrong desires that come from the world (1 John 2:16b)

A. The Source of our wrong desires

- The World, the Flesh and the Devil

B. The Solution to our wrong desires

1. A Transformed Will – Do we desire the closeness with God over the things of the world (1 John 2:15)?
2. A Transformed Mind – Will we commit to learning God's view of life? (Romans 12:1-2; Psalm 119:9-11)
3. Depending on a New Source of Power – Will we obey God in the power of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 5:18)?