

“LOVEST THOU ME MORE THAN THESE?”

1 John 2:15a



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I WANT US TO SEE, TO LEARN,
THAT WE SHOULD STOP, NOT
LOVE THE WORLD. BECAUSE
OF 3 REASONS...

SATAN IS CALLED “RULER OF THIS
WORLD”

- > John 14:30
- > John 16:11
- > 2 Corinthians 4:4
- > Ephesians 6:11-12

I. Because of what the world is

A. What it means, *κοσμος* - where we get our word universe or worlds.

This word “world” has 3 uses in the New Testament:

1. Planet earth, or the physical world (Luke 19:37-41)
2. Referring to people, humanity as in John 3:16
3. The world and it's things – the invisible, spiritual system of evil in this world.

> **Luke 19:37-41**

B. What it represents – Ephesians 2:2 “Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:”

II. Because of what our love is

A. What it means – *αγαπε* “love”

B. What it does to us

A couple of hints, signs that we are loving the world...

from commentator David Allen, quoting pastor David Tappan

- ❶ When the world or any object in it engrosses our thoughts to such a degree that it excludes serious reflection on the things of God.
- ❷ When the world or any object in it engrosses most of our conversation.
 - What do you talk about most the time?
- ❸ If we are unwilling to part with it when need be, or to give it or anything in it, up to God's purposes, we are loving the world.
 - Are you putting anything before God?
- ❹ Discontentment with our portion of the world's goods proclaims a criminal love for it.
 - If we secretly grieve...
- ❺ When we pursue the world with greater zeal and enjoy it with higher relish than we do serving God and enjoying His favor, we are loving the world.
- ❻ If we pride ourselves in earthly distinctions, if we expect great deference and resent the least contradiction or slight from others, we are loving the world.
- ❼ When we seek to acquire or retain its objects in a wrong manner or by unwarrantable means, we are loving the world's things.
 - Because those “things” are so important to us – get them anyway you can.

DEMAS > 2 Timothy 4:10

III. Because the world is not our friend

A. It will never love us back

B. We must and will take a stand – believers are to confront and take a stand against the world's spiritual lies and false speculations with the truth.

CONCLUSION:

- Lovest thou Me more than these?
- You love God rather than _____?
- Love God, not the world!
- You stand with God you will stand against the world.