

GOD IS LOVE

5-Day Devotional: “Don’t Fall for the World”

1 John 2:15-17

Day 1: Don’t Fall in Love with the World

📖 1 John 2:15 — “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.”

♦ Also read: Matthew 6:19–24; James 4:4

In today’s fast-paced society, the allure of material possessions and worldly success is ever-present. These forces vie for our hearts, threatening to overshadow our love for God. Reflect on areas in your life where worldly desires might be stronger than your spiritual commitments. Consider practical steps to shift your focus from transient pleasures to the eternal love of God.

Reflect:

- What are the “things of the world” that have the strongest pull on your heart?
- How does this verse challenge the culture you live in?
- What practical step can you take today to prioritize God over possessions or comfort?

Day 2: The Pull of the Flesh

📖 1 John 2:16a — “The desires of the flesh...”

♦ Also read: Galatians 5:16–17; Romans 8:5–8

The flesh represents our innate desires for comfort and pleasure, often leading us away from God. These desires aren’t inherently wrong, but they become sinful when they dominate our lives. Consider how you can lean on the Holy Spirit to resist these temptations and walk in obedience to God.

Reflect:

- What desires most often pull you away from obedience to God?
- How can you rely more on the Holy Spirit in moments of temptation?
- What does “walking in the Spirit” look like in your daily life?

Day 3: The Trap of the Eyes

📖 1 John 2:16b — “The desires of the eyes...”


♦ Also read: Genesis 3:6; Matthew 5:27–29; Psalm 119:37

Our eyes can be windows to worship—or doorways to sin. From Eve in the garden to modern advertising, the enemy uses what we see to stir up envy, lust, and discontentment. Learning to guard our eyes helps protect our hearts.

Reflect:

- What kinds of things do your eyes naturally focus on throughout the day?
- How does what you watch, scroll, or seek online affect your desires?
- What can you intentionally set before your eyes this week that will strengthen your faith?

Day 4: The Pride of Life

 1 John 2:16c — “The pride of life...”


◆ Also read: Proverbs 16:18; Philippians 2:3–8; Jeremiah 9:23–24

Pride says, “I can do it without God.” It’s the root of self-reliance and self-glory. Jesus modeled the opposite—humility and surrender. When we lay down our pride, we find joy in depending on the One who truly sustains us.

Reflect:

- Where are you tempted to take credit for what God has done?
- How can humility become a regular rhythm in your relationships and work?
- What would change if you began boasting only in the Lord (Jer. 9:24)?

Day 5: Live for What Lasts

 1 John 2:17 — “The world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

◆ Also read: 2 Corinthians 4:18; Colossians 3:1–4; Matthew 6:33

Everything this world offers is fading fast, but God’s Kingdom is eternal. Living for what lasts means setting our eyes on eternity and aligning our priorities with His will. What we do for Christ will never be wasted.

Reflect:

- What are you currently investing in that has eternal value?
- How does knowing this world is temporary change your goals?
- What step can you take this week to “seek first the Kingdom of God”?