

A LOVE THAT IS LETHAL

1 John 2:15-17 Jeff Schreve

Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15

What is the big deal about loving the world?

1. Understand what the world represents.

- A. The world is Satan's invisible system for opposing Christ.

We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 1 John 5:19

- B. The world is the prevailing influence on the unsaved.

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

Ephesians 2:1-2

- C. A Christian is to live in the world but not be of the world.

If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. John 15:18-19

2. Beware what the world can do to you.

- A. The world can poison your response to the love of God.

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.

James 4:4

- B. The world can poison your response to the will of God.

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. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever. 1 John 2:16-17

1. The lust of the flesh appeals to the fleshly appetites.
 2. The lust of the eyes appeals to the desire for things.
 3. The boastful pride of life appeals to the ego.
- C. The world can bring you down if you let it seep in.

Will you walk in the love of God and the light of obedience?