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**Worldly Love**  
**1 John 2:12-17**  
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## Using This Study

### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



In the middle of the second chapter of 1 John, John pauses to affirm the reader that they have a relationship with God. John has written some things that are hard to hear and understand and there is a chance that the reader might have begun to doubt the security of their salvation. Here we see John take a moment to reassure the reader that the reason John has written is because they have known the Father and have overcome the evil one. Following this section John reminds his reader that this world is temporary and encourages his reader to pursue the will of God not the lusts and sins of this fallen world. This week we will seek the distinctions between the things that are eternal and the things that are passing away. Join us as we talk about how we can be committed to God not the world.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**Romans 12:2**

## **1 John 2:12-17 (NASB)**

<sup>12</sup>I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake. <sup>13</sup>I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. <sup>14</sup>I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you

have overcome the evil one.

## **Do Not Love the World**

<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

**① EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. Who are the 3 groups of people listed that John is writing to?

9. Why does he write to these people?

10. Do all of the people in verses 12-14 sound like Christ followers?

11. What describes the things of the world?

12. What is passing away and what is eternal?

13. What is the will of God talked about in verse 17?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. What things in your life are temporary? What things are eternal? Make a list.

15. Can anything from your list of temporary things be used to impact that which is eternal?

16. How can we avoid being drawn to the pursuit of the things of this world?

17. Is there anything in this section that would give the reader confidence in their salvation?

18. How do we find eternal life? How does your answer compare to verse 17?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

*Sermon Notes*