

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

The Command (v. 15)

When the Bible uses the word “world”, it carries three different meanings...

- **Physical Realm** (land, water, trees...etc)

Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

- **People**

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...

- **Sin, domain of evil**

Romans 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

We can tell which “world” John is referencing by how he describes it in v. 16...

- **lust of the flesh**

Galatians 5:19-21

19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like...

- **lust of the eyes**

Luke 11:34

Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness.

- **pride of possessions**

Matthew 6:19-21

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Incentives (v. 15, 17)

1. Loving God displaces loving this world.

The Expulsive Power of a Competing Affection – Rev. Thomas Chalmers (1780-1847)

Rightly placed yes's harness the power for the no's.



2. The things of this world have an end-date.

2 Corinthians 4:18

For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

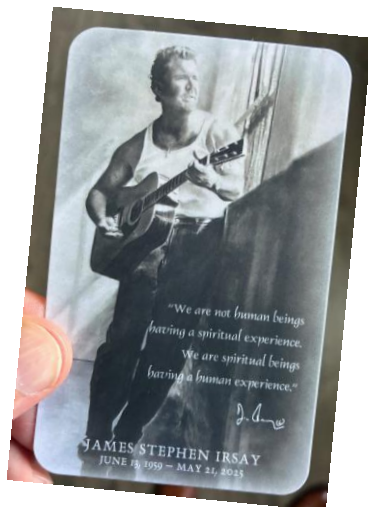
"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience.
We are spiritual beings having a human experience."

– Jim Irsay

3. Those who love God will spend eternity with Him.

1 John 5:13

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.



The Fuel

John 14:15-16

15 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever"

"God demand whatever you wish and provide for whatever you demand." – St. Augustine

"Nothing, not even the best and noblest, can go on as it is now. Nothing, not even what is lowest and most bestial, will not be raised again if it submits to death. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body...Lust is a poor, weak, whimpering whispering thing compared with that richness and energy of desire which will arise when lust has been killed."

– C.S. Lewis

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