



## Living Upright In An Upside Down World

### “Losing our Mission”

1 John 2:15-17

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#### I. Who Do You Love?

What does 1 John 2:15 tell us about the world?

What does it mean to love the world? What do we learn about the world in John 17:14?

Put in your own words the sentence “If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them”. What are the ramifications of this?

What does Mark 12:30 tell us? What does this tell us about our love for God?

#### II. The Allure of the World

##### The Lust of the Flesh

The Greek word for *lust* means “deep desire and longing”. The Greek word for *flesh* means “physical body”. When these words are used with the word “world” it suggests something contrary to God and God’s wishes. How do you define the *lust of the flesh*?

Read James 1:14-15. What is the process that leads to death or destruction?

If someone in sin says to you: “I don’t know how I got here.”, what does God’s Word say?

In what other areas can we have sinful, physical cravings and longings?

##### The Lust of the Eyes

How does looking at something become something that is sinful?

How do you define the *lust of the eyes*? What are the desires that this encompasses?

Read Exodus 20:17. What are we to not covet?

How does the lust of the eyes lead to a sinful longing and dissatisfaction?

##### The Pride of Life

*Pride* means “arrogance, conceit or boastfulness”. What in life brings this out in us?

How does the *pride of life* put us in opposition to God and His way and His will?

What does Jeremiah 10:6 and 1 Chronicles 29:11 tell us about God?

How does 1 John 2:16 keep us from being used by God *on mission* for Him?

#### III. What Will Last?

What contrast is made in 1 John 2:17? What is meant by the world and its desires passing away?

What does 2 Peter 3:10 tell us about the world? What conclusion does 2 Peter 3:11 draw?

According to 1 John 2:17, what will happen as we do the will of God?

The word “lives” suggests an abiding life of fellowship and connection with God. How is living forever a present and a future reality?