

GUARDRAILS

A WORLD APART | 1 JOHN 2:15-17

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#1 - GUARD YOUR _____ (1 JOHN 2:15)

Love for the Father vs. Love for the World

"To Love, the World and not God would be like a maiden who loved the ring her lover had given her and cared nothing for him who gave it" - Augustine (Homilies on First John)

This "World" that John warns his readers not to fall in love with represents an evil system of attitudes and behaviors that oppose Christ and His work on the earth.

#2 - GUARD YOUR _____ & YOUR _____ (1 JOHN 2:16)

John asserts that we cannot love God and the World at the same time. To obey one means to disobey the other.

We cannot love the World because, according to verse 16, all that is in the World is not from the Father but is from the World.

He lists three things that come from the World:

- Lust/Desire of the Flesh
- Lust/Desire of the Eyes
- Pride of Life

#3 - GUARD YOUR _____ (1 JOHN 2:17)

The first reason John gives for not loving the World is that all that is in the World does not come from the Father but the World.

The second reason John gives for not loving the World is that according to verse 17, the World is passing away. John wanted His readers to know that all they saw around them was passing away, shifting, and changing. They were not to get comfortable.

We cannot get comfortable, but we must redirect our attention from the things we want to the things God wants.

We must live in submission to His will because whoever does the will of God abides forever.

CONCLUSION

Father, examine our affection, our appetite, our attitude, and our attention.

Psalm 139:23-24, "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"

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