

Warnings and Exhortations Part 1

Do Not Love the World

1 John 2:15-17

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Basis for Writing 1 John: Eyewitness Accounts of Jesus

¹That which was from the beginning, which *we have heard*, which **we have seen** with our eyes, which **we have looked upon**, and **our hands have handled**, concerning **the Word of life**—²the **life** was manifested, and **we have seen**, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal **life** which was with the Father and was manifested to us—³that which **we have seen and heard** we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

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The Primary Reason for the Writing of 1 John: Full Joy

⁴And these things we write to you *that your joy may be full*.

Letting the truth of God govern (→) our thoughts, responses, & actions, regardless of circumstances.

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Two Truths About God (1:5)

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that **God is light** and in Him is **no darkness at all**.

God, as LIGHT, knows everything, fully and completely, and He is absolutely holy, abhorring all that is sinful.

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How Do I Walk in the Light?

1. By Not Basing It on What I Say or Intend (1:6)

⁶*If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.*

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2. By Walking by Means of God's Light (1:7)

⁷*But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all **sin**.*

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How Do I Walk in the Light?

3. **By Saying the SAME Thing About My SINS as God Does (9-10)**

⁹ If we **confess** our **SINS**, He is faithful and just to forgive us [our] **SINS** and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not **SINNED**, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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How Do I Walk in the Light?

4. **By Seeing Any Sin to Be as SERIOUS as God Says**

¹ My little children, these things I write ~ to you, so that you may not **SIN***. And if anyone **SINS***, we have ~ an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is ~ the propitiation for our **SINS**, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

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Measuring My Maturity Part 1

By Keeping God's Commands

1 John 2:3-6

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Measuring My Maturity Part 2

By Loving Others (Especially Believers)

1 John 2:7-11

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Measuring My Maturity Part 3

By Observing Progress

1 John 2:12-14

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What do you love?



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Simple Commands

Do not love the world
Do not love the things of the world
1 John 2:15a



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Incompatible Loves

The love of the world
The love of the Father
1 John 2:15b



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Contradictory Sources

Things of the world
Things of the Father
1 John 2:16



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Disparate Timelines

The fleeting world
The everlasting abiding
1 John 2:16



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