



Lesson #2: Avoid the Draw of the World (1 John 2:15-17)

For many people the summer months are used to wind down, relax, and do nothing. This should not be the case for God's children! If we truly want to "redeem the time" we will use the _____ of May through August to help further God's Kingdom. The purpose of this sermon series is to look at Scripture for practical advice for how to use our summers to truly glorify God. Last week we began this series by looking at something to _____ this summer (The Dangers of Drifting – Hebrews 2:1-5). This week we continue that theme of things to avoid by turning to 1 John 2 as we look to avoid the draw of the world.

I'm not encouraging you to become Amish this summer, I'm not encouraging you to cloister yourself off for the duration of these warm months. I am simply bringing to mind the fact that much of what we take into our lives runs directly in _____ to the Kingdom of God, and yet we _____ it!

Because You Must Not Love the World, You must Obey God's Clear _____ About the World (2:15)

The context of 1 John suggests that John is clearly talking to those in the church that he knows to be _____. Don't ever confuse a knowledge of theology with a lack of _____.

- A. This is a command of _____
- "Love" - _____
 - "Not" - _____
 - "World" - _____

Don't love the system, or anything that is in the system! Your allegiance is to be to _____ alone!

- B. This is a command of _____
- With the use of the conditional statement, John projects a situation where loving the world could occur, and he says that such a person does not hold true love for God. The satkes are _____. Because the Father's kingdom is at war with the kingdom of the world, the two cannot ever coexist _____.

Because You Must Not Love the World, You Must Flee from the _____ of the World (2:16)

If there were some things in the world that were from the Father, we might _____ the world. Since all that is in the world comes from the world, we may not love any of it.

- A. You must avoid the cravings of your _____
- Again, let's look carefully at the words that John uses here:
- "Lust" - _____
 - "Flesh" - _____
- In and of itself "desire" is a morally _____ world, but when that desire is to draw your heart towards the cravings of unrepentant sinners, the desire is wrong.
- B. You must avoid the cravings of your _____
- Here, we talk about _____, the desire for things aroused by seeing them. This is the tendency to be captured by outward show of things. Beauty divorced from godliness.
- C. You must avoid the _____ of _____
- This is the _____ over what you are of what you have. It describes the plentiful person who glories in his possessions, rather than in the possession of it all. Literally: "*the _____ over possessions.*"

Because You Must Not Love the World, You Must Adopt God's _____ on the World (2:17)

The final section contrasts the outcome of two lives, two orientations, two loves. You see, God has a totally different perspective on the world that we do.

- A. Those who choose the world choose _____ and _____
destruction
- This is the climax of John's appeal. Ultimately, it is foolish to desire the world since the world is _____. There is no future in worldliness.
- B. Those who choose the Lord choose _____
- In stark contrast to those who choose the world, John says that those who remain in the will of God will abide _____. When compared to a life lived in God's will, a life lived for the world is an empty imitation at best.

Concluding Thoughts

If we are honest, Christians often feel drawn towards _____ the world. But John writes to warn us that **you must not love the world, because the world runs in _____ to God.** Don't place yourself in the process of making choices this summer that will place you in the dangerous position of being a lover of the world.