Devotional Reflections

- *What is John referring to by "the world" in these three verses? In what sense are we to <u>not</u> love the world? Is there any incompatibility between what John says in v. 15 and what he says in his gospel (for example, John 3:16)? How is John using the term "the world" differently in these two contexts?*

- *Briefly consider the structure and flow of these verses. What is the single and central command John gives (and therefore the main point)? Where does John locate this command? How do his other statements function as warnings or "incentives" that support that main command?*

- *What mutually exclusive "loves" does John identify in v. 15? Where does this mutually exclusive relationship reveal opportunity for growth and sanctification in your life? Is there any way in which the Lord has used this text to show you that your heart is self-deceived?*

- *In what ways does John define "love for the world" in v. 16? How do these examples cover all our human experience? Consider the following diagnostic question: What rivals God in your affections? Do you believe these rivals are ultimate or futile? How we live reveals what we really believe!*

- *This text shows us that there are, ultimately, only two ways to live. We can live as if this world is all there is. Or we can live knowing that this world is passing away. But you can't live as if both are true. Which direction does your life "bend?" Do you need to recover the hope of eternal rewards?*

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"Do Not Love"

1 John 2:15-17

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_____ the World's False Promises.

15 *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

_____ the Futility of Worldly Desires.

16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

_____ the Hope of Eternal Rewards.

17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.