



Ten Little Words
 1 John 2:15,16
 April 7, 2019
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I. Introduction

It is only when we concentrate on the eternal unseen things that our relationship with our Savior and Lord will continue to grow and flourish. Our concerns for this world and its entrapments continually erode the connection that God desires to establish with us.

II. John's Reason for Writing

- a. Heretics have begun to question the deity of Jesus. 1 John 1:1-4
- b. This was the beginning of a movement referred to as Gnosticism

III. Our Attraction to things of this world.

- a. Human history is the terrible story of man trying to find something other than God to make him happy.
- b. There is often some discomfort for us as we study this verse because it tests our relationship with God.

IV. Our sin needs to be confronted and the true Gospel preached.

- a. Christianity that is inoffensive is not the true Gospel.
- b. We are all sinners in need of redemption.
 Rom 3:23, Eph 2:2,3

V. Good News Jn 3:16, Ezek 18:22,

- a. God is a welcoming God, not an I told you so God. 1Jn1:9
- b. We must focus on the cross.
- c. Our fear of the Lord is not a cringing fear but a healthy reverence. Prov. 1:7

VI. Realize the Impact of the World.

- a. There can be only one thing that is of first importance.
- b. Not everything we want is wrong, but how much we desire it can be.
- c. Pride of life easily translates into arrogance over our accomplishments

VII. Conclusion

We cannot allow the world and its peripheral entrapments to move to the center of our lives. By focusing on the cross of Christ, our lives will not focus on worldly things but rather on those that are eternal and all else will be in proper perspective.



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Kick Starters

1. If you were forced to sell all your possessions. What would be the most challenging item for you to sell?
2. At any time in your life, were you attached to something you don't care about today? What was it?

Entertain the Text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list any significant observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over.

Engage the Text

4. Read and Compare 1Jn2:15, Rom 12:2, 1Cor 15:1,3 What are the different focuses of these texts? What aspects are similar?
5. Can you justify a preoccupation with a hobby or professional sporting event? If so how do or could these things glorify God.
6. In what manner could a secular/worldly activity glorify God? Or could it? 1Cor. 10:31, Matt. 16:24-26

7. Last week Pastor Andrew spoke of joy and lack of joy in a Christian's life. Reread Philippians 2:14-16. How could this be applied to our preoccupation with worldly things in general? What are our complaints about?

Execute the Text

8. What worldly situations do you struggle with? Worry about? How can you lessen this concern?
9. During your prayer time this week continually focus on what Christ has done for you through his death and resurrection. Additionally, look for new ways to thank and praise God for his blessings in your life.

Lost & Found

Larson/Grosskopf
Sunday 5:30pm @ Larsons

Joint Heirs

Smith/Olejnik
Tuesday 1pm @ CEFC

Victors

Fritzsche/Raddatz
Wednesday 6pm @ CEFC

Crossroads

Difino/Schwenk
Wednesday 6pm @ CEFC

IOW

Billington/Reuter
Friday 7pm @ CEFC