THE LOVE GOD HATES

I John 2:15-17

- 1. We are in a **spiritual** battle (Eph. 6:12, I Pet. 5:8-9, Romans 7:15-25).
- 2. **Separate** yourself from the **world** system (I Jn 2:15).
 - a. The <u>world</u> is the <u>invisible</u> spiritual system of evil <u>overseen</u> and managed by Satan.
 - b. It was <u>natural</u> to love the <u>Father</u> in the garden. After the <u>fall</u>, it's natural to love the <u>world</u> (Eph. 2:2-10, Rom 12:1-2).
- 3. Understand the sins of worldliness (I Jn 2:16).
 - a. God will **never** test or tempt us to do **evil.**
 - b. God will test us so we can <u>understand</u> our spiritual growth.
 - c. God can give <u>victory</u> in the area Satan finds us the **weakest**.
- 4. The strategy of **temptation**.
 - a. The lust of the **flesh** (Matt. 4:1-4).

- b. The **pride** of life (Matt. 4:5-7).
- c. The lust of the **eye** (Matt 4:8-11).
- 5. The strategy of **victory** (Heb. 4:15).
 - a. We have One who **experienced** all of our temptations, yet **without** sin.
 - b. Be a doer of the Word of God. Put the Word into practice (Ps. 1:1-4).
- 6. **Seek** what lasts **forever** (I Jn. 2:17).
 - a. Believe the gospel.
 - b. Repent of sin.
 - c. **Embrace** Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (I Jn. 5:11-13).

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