

## THE MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE-BUILDING WORD

### **Maximum Joy: Worldly Wise**

April 25-26, 2015

1 John 2:17 (All verses from New International Version 2011)

*The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.*

INTRODUCTION: The Great Adventure.

#### **Moving from Worldly Wise to Eternally Wise**

1. *The B.I.B.L.E.:* I stand alone on the Word of God.
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 <sup>16</sup> *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,* <sup>17</sup> *so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

How that works out in 1 John 2:15-17

- <sup>15</sup> *Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.* <sup>16</sup> *For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.* <sup>17</sup> *The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.*

## 2 Approaches to the Great Adventure

2:15 Love of the world



2:16 comes from the world



2:17 the world passes away

Love of the Father



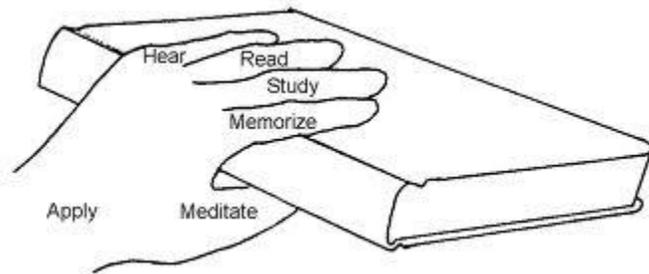
comes from the Father



the one who obeys remains  
forever

2. *This Little Gospel Light of Mine*: For the light to shine, God's love must be the source.
  - 1 John 2:15 ***Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.***
3. *The Wise Man Built his House upon the Rock*: What you build your life on determines how long it lasts.
  - The sand of the foolish man: 1 John 2:16 ***For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.***
  - The rock of the wise man: 1 John 2:17 ***The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.***

CONCLUSION: Get a grip on Your Bible.



# G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.



Things I'd like to remember from today's message:

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**Monday:** *Read 1 John 2:15-17.* Why can there be no middle ground between our love for God and our love for the world? What forces pull you the world's way? Why? What forces pull you God's way? How?

**Tuesday:** *Read 1 John 2:15.* Why can't we love both the world and the Father? How does the Bible help clarify the issue of understanding the difference between the two? What verses in particular guide you to stand alone on the Word of God?

**Wednesday:** *Read 1 John 2:16.* John argues that the pleasures of this world are fleeting. How do you see this in today's culture? In your own life? Which of these three most clearly motivates the people you know and live near: (1) the drive to meet their physical needs, (2) the drive to get things, or (3) the drive to succeed? Which one is most tempting for you?

**Thursday:** *Read 1 John 2:17.* How does the realization that the world is passing away lessen its appeal in your life? Where do you find the “eternal” perspective driving your life?

**Friday:** *Read 1 John 2:15-17.* John places a great emphasis on knowing and doing (living out) God’s will. How will you do the will of God today? How will you know that it is God’s will that you are doing? Have you taken time to make sure you are doing God’s will and not the world’s will in living life each day?

**Saturday:** *Read 1 John 2:15-17.* How do these verses help us gain a better understanding of our spiritual battle? How has the Bible, as the “sword of the spirit” kept you well armed for the battle ahead? Where would you like to grow in your wisdom from the Bible? Why?

### Going Deeper

Bible given away to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders: The Adventure Bible. Visit [www.AdventureBible.com](http://www.AdventureBible.com) for games and activities.

To become better at in depth Bible Study: *Living by the Book* by Howard and William Hendricks and *Rick Warren’s Bible Study Methods* by Rick Warren