

## 1 John 2:15

***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 more you want the things of this world, the less of God you want.

Sad thing is that it happens so subtly, and we don't even realize it until we are trapped in it, because we have allowed the things of this world to take control of us, of every free minute, and every waking breath, of every day.

We all know this next verse.

✠ **Matthew 6:33** ***But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.***

But how many times do we put it backwards, *We Seek first the things of this world, then the kingdom of God and His righteousness, if I can find the time.*

*"Oh, not me, I would never do that"*, you may be thinking. Yet how many times do you put the things of this world first, and even think that you can walk a victorious life holding onto the things of this world so tightly, and putting the things of God second or even at the bottom of your list?

- Do you tithe before you spend one dime of your paycheck? Or better yet, do you tithe at all?
- If help is needed at church, are you willing to help out, but only if it works into your schedule, which seems to be so full all the time?
- Do you text or talk to your BFF for hours, but can barely find time to talk to God, except to thank Him for the food you are about to eat?
- Do you spend hours each day reading page, after page, after page, of things on your phone or tablet, scrolling through social media and the internet, but can't find time to read your bible?

Do I need to go on? I didn't think so. But then people wonder why they struggle so much and why they fall into temptation so easily. If it feels like you are falling away from the Lord or you are not as close to Him as you used to be, it's very likely that you are desiring the wrong things.

Once again, it's about our priorities and when we think of our priorities, my first statement actually starts to hit home, doesn't it?

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- † **1 Peter 2:11 (NLT2)** *Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.*
- † **Mark 4:19** *and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.*
- † **1 Corinthians 7:31 (NLT2)** *Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away.*