**DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD**

1 John 2:12-17 (Key Verse 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.*

1. What is the reason given for writing to the 'dear children' ? (12) Why is the author writing to the 'fathers' (13a)? What is the reason for writing to the 'young men' ? (13b)
2. What reason is repeated for writing to the 'fathers'? (14a) Why does the author write to the 'young men'? (14b) what do you think makes the young men strong? What does the author advise about loving the world? (15a) What happens to the love for the Father if someone loves the world? (15b)
3. How does the passage's instruction to "not love the world" challenge contemporary societal values? In what ways might loving the world affect one's spiritual relationship with the Father? (15-17) Why might the love for the Father be absent in someone who loves the world, based on the context of verses 15-17?
4. What are the three things from the world mentioned in verse 16? What does the pride of life represent, and why is it considered a worldly attribute? Where do these worldly things come from? What might be the spiritual consequence of loving the lust of the flesh? How does the lust of the eyes, conflict with the teachings of the Father?
5. What is the fate of the world and its desires? (17a) Why is it wiser to focus on doing the will of God rather than loving the world? (17b) How can the knowledge that "the world and its desires pass away" influence a believer's priorities and actions?