

1 John 2 - Defeating the Lust of the Flesh

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1 John 2:15-16

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, THE LUST OF THE FLESH, and THE LUST OF THE EYES, and THE PRIDE OF LIFE, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

FILLED - *the more satisfied in God, the less vulnerable to temptation*

Psalm 36:7-9

7 **HOW EXCELLENT IS THY LOVINGKINDNESS, O GOD!** Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 **THEY SHALL BE ABUNDANTLY SATISFIED WITH THE FATNESS OF THY HOUSE; AND THOU SHALT MAKE THEM DRINK OF THE RIVER OF THY PLEASURES.**

9 **FOR WITH THEE IS THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE:** In thy light shall we see light.

Psalm 63:1-3

1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: My soul thirsteth for thee, My flesh longeth for thee In a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

2 To see thy power and thy glory, So as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

3 **BECAUSE THY LOVINGKINDNESS IS BETTER THAN LIFE, MY LIPS SHALL PRAISE THEE.**

SURRENDERED - *obedience to God always has and always will require death to self*

Matthew 16:24

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, LET HIM DENY (*disown, abstain, no connection with*) HIMSELF, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Romans 6:12-16

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 **NEITHER YIELD YE YOUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO SIN: BUT YIELD** (*present, provide, to place at one's disposal, ready at hand*) **YOURSELVES UNTO GOD**, as those that are alive from the dead, and **YOUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO GOD**.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

DEPENDENT - *we are utterly helpless and hopeless in controlling the carnal appetites of our flesh*

Romans 7:22–24

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 **But I SEE ANOTHER LAW IN MY MEMBERS, WARRING AGAINST THE LAW OF MY MIND, AND BRINGING ME INTO CAPTIVITY to the law of sin which is in my members.**

24 O wretched man that I am! **WHO SHALL DELIVER ME from the body of this death?**

John 15:4–5

4 **ABIDE (to remain, dwell, to remain as one) IN ME, AND I IN YOU. AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT OF ITSELF, EXCEPT IT ABIDE IN THE VINE; NO MORE CAN YE, EXCEPT YE ABIDE IN ME.**

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: **HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT: FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING.**

Galatians 5:16

"This I say then, **WALK (regulate one's life, conduct one's self) IN THE SPIRIT, AND YE SHALL NOT FULFIL THE LUST OF THE FLESH.**"

FOCUSED - *defeating sin is all about controlling the mind*

Romans 8:5–7

5 **FOR THEY THAT ARE AFTER THE FLESH DO MIND (to exercise the mind, to direct one's mind to, to seek, to strive) THE THINGS OF THE FLESH; BUT THEY THAT ARE AFTER THE SPIRIT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT.**

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because **THE CARNAL MIND IS ENMITY AGAINST GOD: FOR IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF GOD, NEITHER INDEED CAN BE.**

2 Corinthians 10:3–5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, **BUT MIGHTY THROUGH GOD TO THE PULLING DOWN OF STRONG HOLDS;**)

5 **CASTING DOWN IMAGINATIONS, AND EVERY HIGH THING THAT EXALTETH ITSELF AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND BRINGING INTO CAPTIVITY EVERY THOUGHT TO THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST;**

TEMPERATE - *what appetites you feed will be dominant - feed the right appetites*

Colossians 3:1–2

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, **SEEK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE ABOVE**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 **SET YOUR AFFECTION ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS ON THE EARTH.**

1 Peter 2:11

"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **ABSTAIN (to hold oneself off, abstain) FROM FLESHLY LUSTS, WHICH WAR AGAINST THE SOUL.**"