



TO LOVE GOD IS NOT TO LOVE THE WORLD

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Introduction:

²⁴No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."
[Matthew 6:24](#) nlt

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¹⁹We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one." [1 John 5:19](#) niv

⁴Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God." [2 Corinthians 4:4](#) nlt

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³⁰Then Jesus answered and said: A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead." [Luke 10:30](#)

¹⁰The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." [John 10:10](#)

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"⁴You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God."
[James 4:4](#) ntv

"¹⁵If you love me, keep my commandments. ²¹One who has my commandments and keeps them, that person is one who loves me. One who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will reveal myself to him. ²⁴He who doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word which you hear isn't mine, but the Father's who sent me." [John 14:15, 21 & 24](#) web

"¹⁴I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to this world any more than I do. ¹⁷Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth."
[John 17:14-17](#) nlt

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"¹⁷And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever." [1 John 2:17](#) nlt

"¹⁸while we don't look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."
[2 Corinthians 4:18](#) web

"³³Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." [Matthew 6:33](#) nlt

"¹⁵If you love me, keep my commandments." [John 14:15](#) web

Conclusion:

"²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what will a man give in exchange for his life?."
[Matthew 16.24-26](#) web