



Teaching, Preaching and Reaching for
Transformation and Liberation

“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: 1 JOHN 2:15-17

TITLE: YOU CAN HAVE IT. JUST DON'T LOVE IT

INTRODUCTION

- A. For some, Christianity is the Gospel of Prosperity _____
- B. For others, Christianity is the Gospel of Poverty _____
- C. However, the Bible does say... _____
 - 1. **I Timothy 6:17**, ¹⁷ *Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.*
 - 2. **Ecclesiastes 2:24**, ²⁴ *Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God.*
- D. Challenge: How do I balance the acquisition of the things God has given to us for our enjoyment without yielding to the temptation to love it?
- E. Note: Our strengths destroy us more than our weaknesses _____

LOVE OF THE WORLD

- A. Do not love the world _____
- B. Do not love the things in the world _____
- C. Either I love the Father or I love the world _____

WHAT IS IN THE WORLD?

- A. The Lust of the Flesh _____
 - 1. Tempted by what feels good
 - 2. If it feels good, I love it
 - 3. **Women/Men – The Girls/Men**
- B. The Lust of the Eyes _____
 - 1. Tempted by what looks good
 - 2. If it looks good, I love it
 - 3. **Money – The Gold**
- C. The Pride of Life _____
 - 1. What I think about me
 - 2. If I agree with what I think about me, I love it
 - 3. **Power – The Glory**

SHORT-TERM LUST VERSUS LONG-TERM LOVE

- A. The world and its lust are passing away _____
- B. Those who do the will of God will live forever _____