

Sermon: Moral Living in a Seductive Society

Text: I John 2:15-17 ESV

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Introduction: The Church is in a spiritual war for the souls of the world and the generations that are coming up behind us who are more and more disinterested in God. Church has become for many a non-essential, and God's Word just another fable or at best a guidebook for living the American dream.

I. _____ Some Words

- A. _____ B. _____
C. _____ D. _____

II. Satan's Seductive _____.

- A. desires of the _____
B. desires of the _____
C. _____ of life

III. _____ Is in the Balance.

- A. Will you invest _____?
B. Will you invest _____?

Conclusion: In 1989, Tom Sine wrote: I suspect that one of the reasons we are so ineffective in evangelism is that we are so much like the people around us that we have very little to which we can call them. We hang around church buildings a little more. We abstain from a few things. But we simply aren't that different. **We need to be and do better!**

John 15:1-8 ESV

I Am the True Vine

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

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Do Not Love the World

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. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life[a]—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Footnotes:

[a] 1 John 2:16 Or pride in possessions