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1 John 2:15-17

TRIBE-7

= a close-knit community with shared identity

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. 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.

1 John 2:15-16

INTRODUCTION

A DEVILISH TWIST 2:15-17

1 John 1:5

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

here it is again...

this serves as a contrast to what John challenges us with tonight

far too often we adjust our eyes to the darkness and simply get acclimated to the shadows

- are you starting to see that John does not argue the minor details of life?

Well, it's just a little...

It's not as bad as...

I'm just as good as...

- in tonight's message, John sets some family boundaries for us in **verses 15-17**

think about rules in your home...rules that others might think are strange or unusual

1. THE ADVERSARIES

SATAN

in **verses 13-14**, he is the *wicked one*

...because ye have overcome the wicked one.

but he also goes by other names:

the devil	1 John 3:8
father of lies	John 8:44
accuser of brethren	Revelation 12:10
the serpent	Revelation 20:2
adversary	1 Peter 5:8

THE FLESH

generally speaking, this is our human nature...
anything apart from the spiritual

our flesh had desires, but that does not make
them evil

hunger	vs.	gluttony
sleep	vs.	laziness
sexual	vs.	perversion

the Bible says nothing *positive* about the flesh...
it is all *negative*

Romans 7:18

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

John 6:63

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Romans 13:14

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Philippians 3:3

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

THE WORLD

love not the world... cf **3:13**

by definition, *the world* is that system man has built up in which he tries to satisfy himself apart from God

the systems of the world: political, economic, social, cultural, etc.

‘the world’ began when Cain went out from the presence of the Lord

Genesis 4:16

cities built, sciences, arts, music, etc.

the world was carried onto the Ark by the three sons of Noah

NOTE: in Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer, He repeatedly makes reference to the world **John 17: 5-6, 9, 11-14**

John emphatically tells us we cannot love the world and love the Father at the same time

Matthew 6:24

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

...all that is in the world is not of the Father

God is light...no darkness at all

2. THE AMMUNITION

2 Corinthians 2:11

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:
for we are not ignorant of his devices.

LUST OF THE FLESH

for Eve, she saw the Tree was good for food

Genesis 3:6

for Jesus, He had fasted forty days and satan
told Him to turn stones into bread

Luke 4:2-3

for you and I, it is anything that turns up the
flames of our desires

money, power, comfort,
physical drives (food, sex)

LUST OF THE EYES

for Eve, the Tree was pleasant to the eyes

Genesis 3:6b

for Jesus, satan offered Him power over kingdoms
and a chance to bypass the cross

Luke 4:5-6

other examples would be:

Achan

Joshua 7:21

When I saw among the spoils a goodly
Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels
of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels
weight, then I coveted them, and took them...

young man

Proverbs 7:7-22

PRIDE OF LIFE

for Eve, she saw the Tree could make her wise

Genesis 3:6c

for Jesus, satan challenged Him to put God to the test so as to prove His sonship

Luke 4:9-11

pride is the one thing God hates for certain;
pride means we do not need God for anything
in our lives

Proverbs 6:16-19

3. AFTERMATH

FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WORLD

this does not imply a close bond, necessarily,
but simply a fondness or affection towards

James 4:4

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

SPOTTED BY THE WORLD

to be spotted is to have a stain or some
other mark upon you

we begin to act like, talk like, look like, and
smell like those with whom we associate

James 1:27

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

CONFORMED TO THE WORLD

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

the Greek word translated as *conformed* gives us our English word 'schematic' or blueprint

suschematizo

in other words, Paul is saying there is a danger of not just being *like* the world, but literally *becoming* the world...down to the finest detail

Galatians 6:14

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Ephesians 2:2-7

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:20

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: