

DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE

How to Make Your Life Count

Lesson Four • 1John 2:15-17

Wasted By The Wrong Love

The Tragic Epitaph of a Wasted Life:

"Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me."
~Apostle Paul, 2Timothy 4:10 ESV

Who Is Demas?

Demas started as a DISCIPLE of Jesus Christ, but he wasted his life as a DESERTER of Jesus Christ!

A Life Wasted By the Wrong Love:

1. It Begins With A Change Of AFFECTION!

Demas' Change of Affection:

Demas went from loving Christ to loving this present WORLD.

The Subtleness in Our Change of Affection:

Before Demas deserted Christ, he DRIFTED in his affection for Christ.

The Warning Sign in Front of the Deserter's Path:

"Do not love the world or anything in the world."
1John 2:15 NIV

A Closer Look at God's Warning:

- The "world" we're not to love is the FALLEN world that is seeking to exist apart from God and living in opposition to God.
- "Worldliness" is a LOVE for this fallen world...it is loving the values and pursuits of the world that stand opposed to God.

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 1John 2:16 NKJV

2. It Ends With A Change Of REWARD!

What Reward Did Demas Reap?

Demas reaped the WORLD.

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. Galatians 6:7 NKJV

The Futility of Reaping the World as Your Reward:

It is a reward that is PASSING AWAY and where there is no future.

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. 1John 2:17 NKJV

What Matters Most?

Will you waste your life pursuing the world?
Or will you make your life count by magnifying Christ in the world?

The Antidote to the Wrong Love of Worldliness...

Is the CROSS of Jesus Christ!

Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ~Apostle Paul, Galatians 6:14 ESV