

January 29, 2017
1 John 2:12-17
Locker Room Talk

John's encouragement to fellow followers of Christ:

1. Provides vision for encouragement
2. Identifies threats to success

Proverbs 29:18 KJV

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Vision: the capacity to create a compelling picture of the desired state of affairs that inspires people to respond; that which is desirable, which could be, should be; that which is attainable.

Romans 2:14-15 NLT

14 Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. 15 They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.

2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Galatians 3:28 ESV

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 6:4 NLT

4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

1 Corinthians 16:13 ESV

13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

Matthew 15:11 ESV

11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person."

Job 31:1 ESV

1 "I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin?

Matthew 6:24 ESV

24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

James 4:4 ESV

4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

You may love the world if:

1. The things of the world so engross your thoughts that it prevents serious reflection on and meditation on the things of God
2. The majority of your conversation is about the things of the world
3. You can't part with things because they're too dear to you
4. You are discontented with your portion of the world's goods
5. You pride yourself in the things you possess
6. You seek to obtain the things of the world in an unlawful or unwarranted way

Matthew 6:19-21 NLT

19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.