

JOHN'S FIRST LETTER - Part XI
"The Love God Hates"
Reference: **I John 2:15-17**
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The words love and hate are most often not interconnected, but there is a love that God hates. That love is described starting in verse fifteen.

Scripture uses the word "world" to mean three different things:

- _____ itself - Nature is defined as the collective _____ of the physical earth in addition to vegetation and animals.
Reference: **Acts 17:24** (see screen)
- _____ - This is the sum _____ of the human race (homo-sapiens.)
Reference: **John 3:16**
- Satan's global _____ – This is the invisible spiritual and sometimes _____ that Satan rules over.
Reference: **John 12:31** (see screen)

Reference: **John 12:31; I John 2:19** (see screen)

Definition: Worldliness is defined as a concern about Satan's system and its values rather than a _____.

Reference: **Romans 12:1-2**

I John describes three characteristics a true Christian is to possess:

- A Christian loves _____.
Reference: **I John 2:5**
- A Christian loves other _____.
Reference: **I John 2:10**
- A Christian **doesn't** love the _____.
Reference: **I John 2:15**

Reference: **II Timothy 4:10** (see screen)

Pope Gregory's List of 7 deadly sins (590 A.D.)

- lust... _____
- gluttony... _____
- greed... _____ - _____
- sloth... _____
- wrath... _____
- envy... _____
- pride... _____

READ **verse sixteen**

This verse teaches that the entire world system consists of three things:

- the **lust** of the flesh
Definition: The lust of the flesh is an _____ for something God has forbidden.
- the **lust** of the eyes
Definition: The lust of the eyes occurs when we see something that _____ in us a desire for something God has forbidden.

There are numerous examples of biblical characters whose eye problems got them into serious trouble:

Reference: **Joshua 7:20-21** (see screen)

Reference: **II Samuel 11:2** (see screen)

Reference: **Job 31:1; Luke 17:32; Genesis 19:26** (see screen)

- the **pride** of life
Definition: The pride of life is the inflated human _____.
Reference: **John 17:14, 18**

READ **verse seventeen**

Reference: **John 6:40; II Peter 3:9** (see screen)