

# Love Not The World

**1 John 2:15-17**

## Do Not Love the World (NKJV)

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 lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

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

## EASY-TO-READ VERSION

15 Don't love this evil world or the things in it. If you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.

16 This is all there is in the world: wanting to please our sinful selves, wanting the sinful things we see, and being too proud of what we have. But none of these comes from the Father. They come from the world.

17 The world is passing away, and all the things that people want in the world are passing away. But whoever does what God wants will live forever.





~~Worldliness~~ (out)



Word-liness (in)

# 3 important lessons:



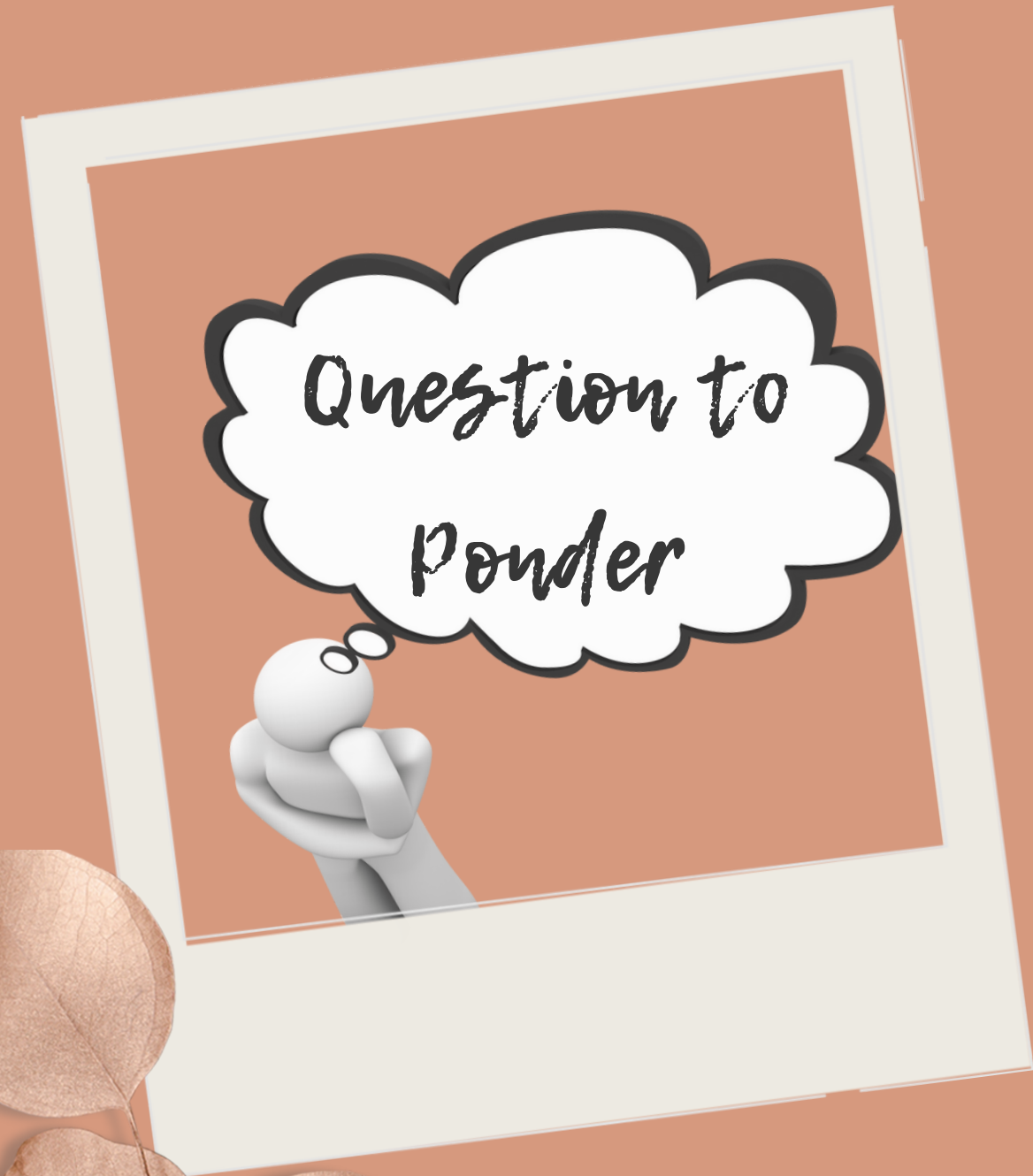
John notes that our love for the world competes with our love for the Lord (v15)



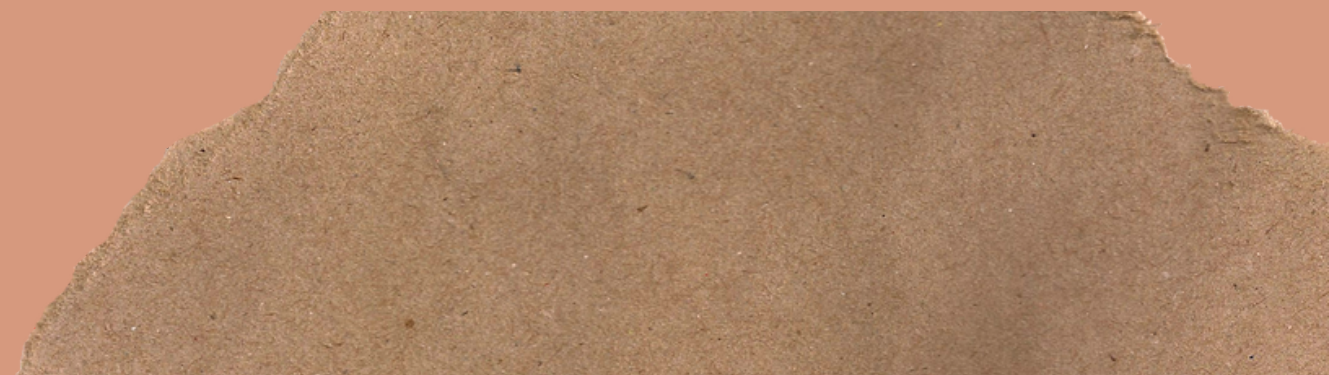
John points the danger of loving the world over loving God (v16)



ONE CANNOT LOVE THE WORLD AND GOD AT THE SAME TIME without consequence (v17)



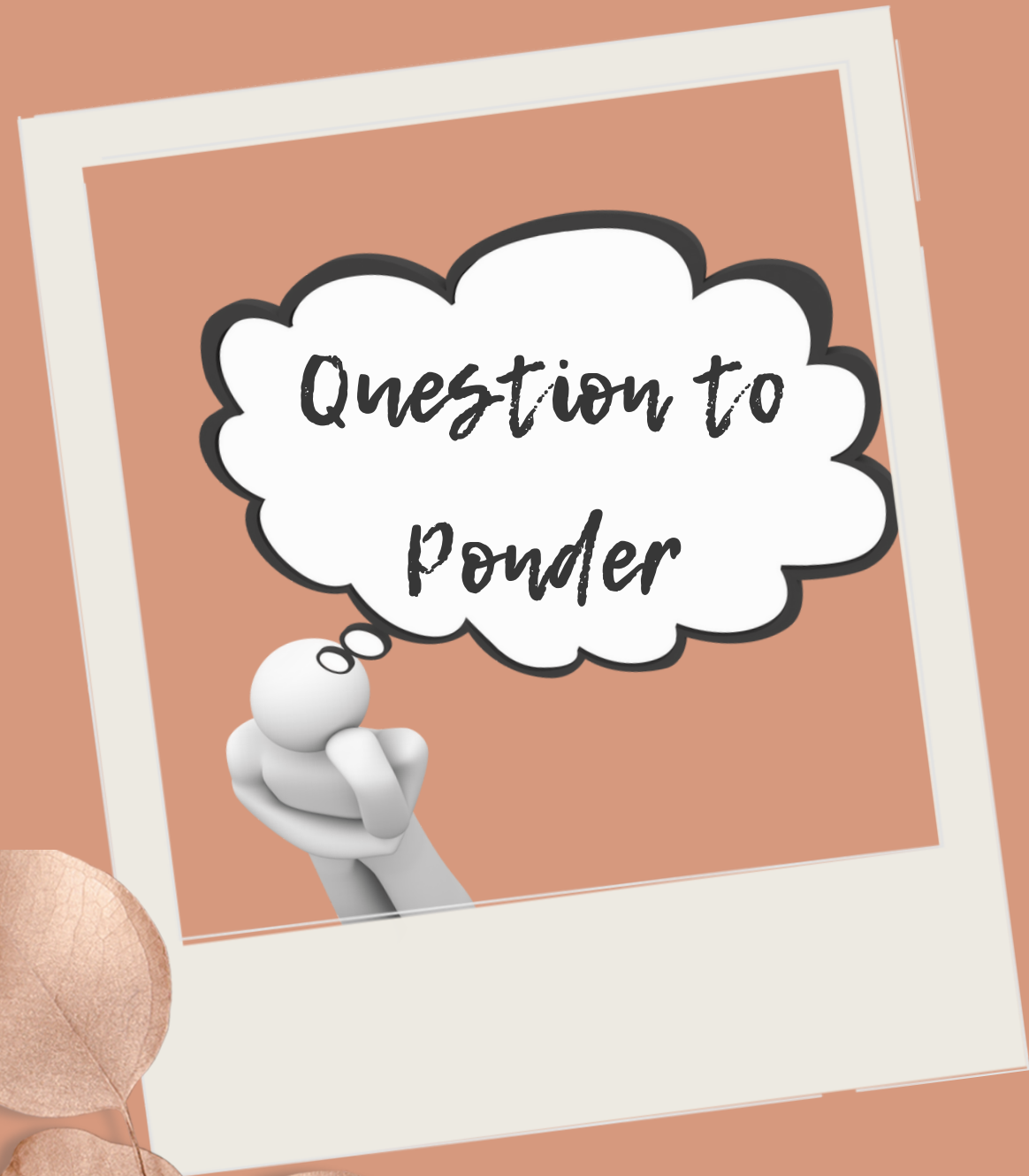
**What is your spirit man craving  
this morning? The Word of God  
or the world?**





## John 8:44

**You are of your father the devil,  
and the desires of your father  
you want to do. He was a  
murderer from the beginning,  
and does not stand in the truth,  
because there is no truth in him.  
When he speaks a lie, he speaks  
from his own resources, for he is  
a liar and the father of it.**



**Where are your eyes focused this morning? The things that please your eyes or God?**





Question to  
Ponder

**What are you proud of this morning? Your earthly possessions and achievements or your position in Christ?**

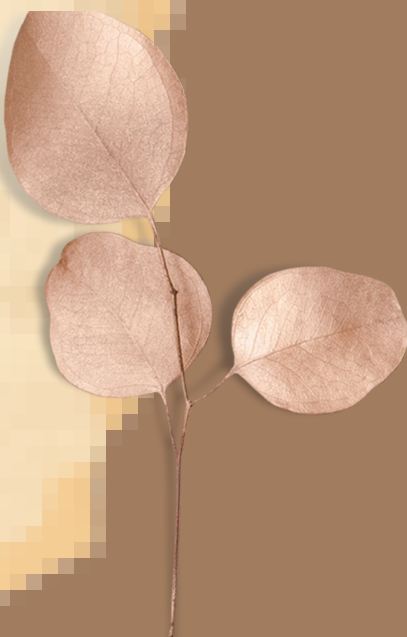


**What does loving the world brings?**

**1) DISTRACTION**

**2. DESTRUCTION**

**3. REVEALS WHO OWNS YOUR HEART**





Paraphrase

"Do not embrace the world's ways or goods. When you do it, it squeezes out your love for God. When you live for "getting your own way," and forgetting everything you want," and for "good compared to others, you are not living for God but the world. This is foolish because it suffocates your relationship with God, and in the end, it will all go up in smoke anyway."

**We must concern ourselves to please God, to love God, and be loyal to Him.**

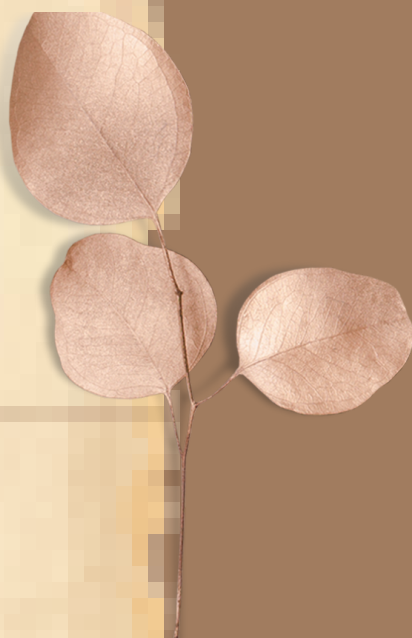
**How?**

**1) Crucify the flesh! Tame it each time it tries to control your desires and decisions.**

*Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

**2. Live by faith in the Son of God who loved you and gave himself for you.**

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Gal 2:20)

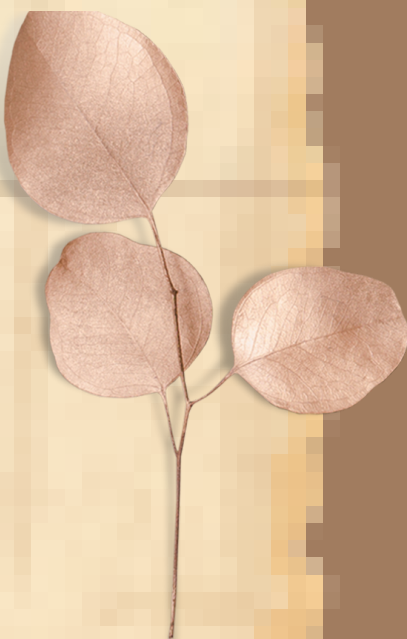


**3. Have a personal working relationship with the Holy Spirit – the struggle between our flesh and our born-again spirit is real. But so is the presence of the Holy Spirit in you.**

*Gal. 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

**4. Discard your old thoughts that you learn from Satan.**

Romans 12:1-2 - I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



## 5. Enter the narrow gate.

Matthew 7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

## 6. Be a part of Christ's church not as a visitor or a tenant but as a family. Acts 2:42-47 –

*42 And they devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

