

“The Life: Listening to the Truth” – 1 John 2:15-29

	low						high			
1) How significant/valuable am I? - I would be more significant/valuable if	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2) How fulfilled am I? - I would be more fulfilled if	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3) How secure am I? - I would be more secure if	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4) How much like Jesus am I? - I would be more like Jesus if	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5) How close to God am I? - I would be closer to God if	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD – 1 Jo 2:15-17

- There is a world of forever wanting – 1 Jo 2:16
 - ...“the lust of the flesh”: self-determination = wanting my own way
 - ...“the lust of the eyes”: self-acquisition = wanting what I see
 - ...“the boastful pride of life: self-exaltation = wanting to appear important
 - (To pursue these is to build our house of life on sinking sand – Matt 7:26-27)
- There is a world of forever having – 1 Jo 2:17,25
 - ...wherein we may say what God says
 - ...wherein we may see what God sees
 - ...wherein we may receive what God supplies
 - (To pursue these is to build our house of life on solid rock – Matt 7:24-25)
- We cannot fully love God and the world at the same time – 1 Jo 2:15

WATCH OUT FOR ANTI-CHRISTS – 1 Jo 2:18-24

- Spirits/false teachers who oppose Christ by offering substitutes for His Saving Life – 1 Jo 2:18,22
 - ...at work in the visible church; religious by nature – 1 Jo 2:18,19
 - ...variations on the same lie: Jesus is not enough – 1 Jo 2:22
- They want to countermand the Truth of the Gospel – 1 Jo 2:24
 - ...all true Christian teaching is an exponent of the Truth of the Gospel – 1 Jo 2:24

LISTEN TO THE INDWELLING SPIRIT OF CHRIST – 1 Jo 2:20,27

- The Promised One always takes you to the Promiser – 1 Jo 2:25; Jo 14:26; 15:26; 16:14
 - ...the Justifier, Sanctifier, and Glorifier lives in you – 1 Jo 2:20,27
 - ...the burden of proof is on the hearer – Matt 24:4-5; 1 Jo 3:7
- Abide in the Spirit of Truth – 1 Jo 2:27
 - ...He is a permanent gift – Jo 14:6
 - ...He is the antidote to the love of the world and the anti-Christ teachers – 1 Jo 4:4
 - ...He will tell us how to invest our lives in what is eternal and profitable – Col 3:1-4
 - ...He will guide us into living out of His righteousness in us – 1 Jo 2:29