

“Assurance – Launch Pad For Righteous Living”

Lesson Five – “Look Before You Love”

I John 2:12-17

Conquerors Sunday School Class – Sunday, February 21, 2021

Today’s Lesson thought can be summed up by asking this simple statement...
“Only One Life, ‘Twill Soon Be Passed. Only What’s Done for Christ Will Last!”

Today’s Lesson Theme Verse Is Found In This Passage of Scripture:

“The world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

I John 2:17

Lesson: “Look Before You Love”

I : Conflict with the Wicked One

- I John 2:12-14, Hebrews 6:1, Colossians 2:6 and 7, I John 4:4, Romans 8:37

II : Counterfeits in the World

- I John 2:15-17, Matthew 4:8-9, II Corinthians 4:3-4

A: The Command

- o I John 2:15, Matthew 6:24, John 17:8-9, John 17:14, John 17:16, Matthew 5:14

B: The Cause

- o I John 2:16, Genesis 3:6-7, Matthew 6:19-21, Jeremiah 17:9, Isaiah 14:12-15
 - 1: ***“...the lust of the flesh...”***
 - 2: ***“...the lust of the eyes...”***
 - 3: ***“...the pride of life...”***

C: Consequences

- o I John 2:17

Conclusion:

The great missionary Charles Thomas Studd, often referred to as C.T. Studd once wrote a poem and he entitled it, *“Only One Life”*. The poem goes like this...

“Only One Life”

by Missionary/Evangelist Charles Thomas (C.T.) Studd

*Two little lines I heard one day, Traveling along life’s busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart, And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.*

*Only one life, yes only one, Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in ‘that day’ my Lord to meet, And stand before His Judgement seat;
Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.*

Only one life, the still small voice, Gently pleads for a better choice

*Bidding me selfish aims to leave, And to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*Only one life, a few brief years, Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its clays I must fulfill, living for self or in His will;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*When this bright world would tempt me sore, When Satan would a victory score;
When self would seek to have its way, Then help me Lord with joy to say;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*Give me Father, a purpose deep, In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife, Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*Oh let my love with fervor burn, And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone, Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*Only one life, yes only one, Now let me say, "Thy will be done";
And when at last I'll hear the call, I know I'll say "'twas worth it all";
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

Invitation:

Child of God, who, or what, is your love focused upon today? Eternal God or the temporary things of this old world??

God wants us to remember that ***"The world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."***

Look before you love, dear child of God! Turn your eyes upon Jesus...look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace!

We only have one life to live...let's choose to live it for God today!