

NOVEMBER 4

## “DO NOT FALL IN LOVE WITH WHAT WILL NOT LAST.”

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### **READ**

*1 John 2:15-17*

The world system is wicked and will pass away. None of it glorifies God. When you go after the world, you will lose your soul. You can't serve two masters. The only way to be delivered from this world is to go after Jesus. Don't love or conform to this world. If a bank was closing, you wouldn't invest in it or expect to receive a dividend from it. I don't need this world, and it certainly has no use for me. I'm in this world but not of it. If I love it, I'll become a slave to it. As we see from the story of the three Hebrew children and the fiery furnace, this world will require you to bow to its system. We can't look at things that appeal to the lust of the flesh. We can't condone what God has condemned. We can't vote for candidates who endorse policies contrary to God's Word. You're not supposed to fit into this world. Stop trying.

### **PRAY**

Dear Lord, give me the boldness that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had to stand up to the king of this world and fearlessly declare, “I will not serve your gods; I will not bow down.”

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