

“Little Children Keep Yourselves from Idols:
The Danger of Spiritual Adultery”
Proverbs 7:1-27; 1 John 5:19-21

*“You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes **to be a friend of the world** makes himself an enemy of God.” (James 4:4-5). “Surely, as a treacherous wife leaves her husband, so you have been treacherous to Me, O house of Israel, declares the LORD’....they have **perverted their way**; they have **forgotten their God**.” (Jeremiah 3:20-21). “Let not your heart turn aside to her ways; do not stray into her paths, for many a victim has she laid low, and all her slain are a mighty throng.” (Proverbs 7:25-26)*

“As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love....” (John 15:9-10). “But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.” (Jude 1:20-21). “Keep my teaching as the apple of your eye....write them on the tablet of your heart....call insight your intimate friend.” (Proverbs 7:2-4)

- Fall in Love with God Through His Word: (7:1-4)
 - *“But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.” (Psalm 1:2)*
 - *“I rejoice at Your word like one who finds great spoil. I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love Your law.” (Psalm 119:162-163)*
- Temptation to Love the World Is Everywhere: (7:5-12)
 - *“Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in Your ways.” (Psalm 119:36-37)*
 - *“Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1)*
- The World Appeals to Our Fleshly Desires: (7:13-20)
 - *“Do not love the world of the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life — is not from the Father but is from the world.” (1 John 2:15-16)*
- Worldliness Leads to Death: (7:21-27)
 - *“And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.” (1 John 2:17)*
 - *“Now the works of the flesh are evident....idolatry....I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Galatians 5:19-21)*
 - *“For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.” (2 Timothy 4:10)*

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** See the January Newsletter for more information about our monthly donations! ***THIS Sunday is the LAST day for this collection!***

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, January 25th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**NEW MEMBERS' CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member, or have any questions about Church Membership, we are having a New Members' Class on Sunday, February 15th, and on Sunday, February 22nd, at 9am. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up if you want to participate in this class. For any questions, please see Pastor Zach.

★*For all other announcements, please see the January Newsletter!*