



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

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Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord lead and guide us this day, as to Your will for us. Remind us to be good faithful stewards of what You have given us, and to know that it all belongs to You. Fill us with whom to bless and how to bless them. Keep each of us and supply our daily needs, and bless us with our daily bread, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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## Scripture

### I John 2 ( 2005)

1 John 2:1-29 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: <sup>2</sup> And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world*. <sup>3</sup> And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup> He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup> But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. <sup>6</sup> He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. <sup>7</sup> Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. <sup>8</sup> Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. <sup>9</sup> He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. <sup>10</sup> He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. <sup>11</sup> But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. <sup>12</sup> I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. <sup>13</sup> I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. <sup>14</sup> I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. <sup>15</sup> Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. <sup>18</sup> Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. <sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. <sup>20</sup> But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. <sup>21</sup> I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. <sup>22</sup> Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (*but*) *he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also*. <sup>24</sup> Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. <sup>25</sup> And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even* eternal life. <sup>26</sup> These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. <sup>27</sup> But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. <sup>28</sup> And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

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<sup>29</sup> If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.



### Walking in the Light

Walking with God does not mean that we are without sin. We have sinned in the past, and we still have sin in our nature. It is not by virtue of our sinlessness that we have fellowship, a relationship, with God, but because of Christ's death for our sin. If the moment we are conscious of any sinful act we confess it in genuine penitence and humility, our fellowship with God may remain unbroken. The saintliest of men invariably have been most deeply conscious of their own sinfulness. One of the conditions of having our sins forgiven is that we keep God's commandments ( vv. 1-6 ). Yet sin is itself the failure to keep His commandments! This is one of John's paradoxes. (See further on 1 John 3:1-12 .)

### 1 John 2:18-29. Antichrist

The word "Antichrist" is mentioned in 2:18, 22 ; 4:3 ; and in 2 John 7 . It occurs nowhere else in the Bible, not even in the book of Revelation. It is commonly identified with the "man of lawlessness" of 2 Thessalonians 2 and the beast of Revelation 13 . But the Bible itself does not make that identification. John 's language implies that his readers had been taught to expect an anti-Christ in connection with the closing days of the Christian Era ( 1 John 2:18 ). John, however, applies the word, not to one person, but to a whole group of anti-Christian teachers ( 2:18 ; 4:3 ). The New Testament idea seems to be that the *spirit* of Antichrist would arise in Christendom, manifesting itself in many ways, both in and outside the church, culminating finally in one person, or in an institution, or both. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible history and commentaries; pages 885-886)



V1 John's second reason for writing this letter is that we sin not. God requires perfection from us (Matthew 5:48), but our perfection is through our belief in Christ (John 6:28-29). The strength and life of the Spirit in us conforms us to the image of Christ. Christ intercedes with God for us when we sin. Jesus acts as our attorney and defends us (Hebrews 7:25) when Satan brings accusations against us (Revelation 12:10). When Satan accuses us we tend to draw away from God because of a sense of shame and unworthiness. When the Holy Spirit convicts us, we're drawn to God to make things right with Him. V3 John 14:21; Romans 2:13; James 1:22. The word "know" here in the Greek means to know by experience. If we know God by experience, we'll keep His commandments. VV5-6 We know that we're in Christ, because God's love is being perfected in us as we abide in Him. VV9-11 We need to be honest with God and confess our feelings of hatred for another person, so that God can replace our hatred with His love. VV13-14 "Fathers" are those who have been in the faith a long time. "Young men" are those who are strong in the faith through the Word of God. The Word of God is our strongest defense against sin and temptation (Psalm 119:11). Jesus answered the temptations of Satan with the Word of God (Matthew 4:1-10). We need a daily cleansing in the Word so we'll have the strength and power to refrain from sin (John 15:3). V15 "World" doesn't refer to nature but to the worldly system created by man. V16 This is the world we're not to love; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes (the desire to rule over others). V17 The things of the world will pass away (2 Peter 3:11). V18 Many false prophets and teachers are deceiving people today (Matthew 24:11; 2 Peter 2:3,14). V19 A healthy church can purge itself of poisons. V20 "Unction" means anointing. The word "know" comes from a Greek word meaning to know by intuition. We know some things intuitively by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. V22 "Christ" means Messiah. V27 The Holy Spirit teaches us to abide in Christ (John 16:13). Verse 28 This is our promise of eternal life if we abide in Jesus Christ.

(New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; pages 180-181)



First John 2:15 urges us not to love the things that are in the world. Instead we should love people and use things to bless them. This is hard for us to do if we love things too much! You and I must strive to keep possessions in their proper place in our lives. We must not put worldly possessions before people. We must always put people first!

Love is a central theme of 1 John. There are things, as a believer, however, that you are not to love. What does it mean to not love the world or the things in the world (see 1 John 2:15)? It does not mean that you should not enjoy the natural beauty of creation, but pursuing what the world offers—things that distract you from God and His purposes for your life—are pursuits rooted in lust and pride. Ask God to deepen your love for Him and the things of His kingdom.

Jesus told us to be in the world but not of the world. We can enjoy the world and the things it offers, but we must maintain balance and not get too attached to them (see 1 John 2:15). We are to live in the world as strangers and aliens, and remember that we are just passing through; this world is not our home. God is our home and we are on our way to live in His manifest presence for eternity.

One of the ways we can determine if things mean more to us than they should is to watch how we behave when one of our possessions is lost or damaged. It may disappoint us, but it should not devastate us. How would you act if your spouse or child broke your favorite possession? Recently, my daughter and I were thinking about years gone by and she said, "Mom, one of the things you did that really meant a lot to me was what you said when I accidentally broke your new bottle of favorite perfume. You said, 'Do not worry about it. You are more important to me than the perfume.'" Now, I did not always behave so lovingly, but on this occasion I did and she remembered. I urge you not to ever make people feel that they are not as important as things.

I believe God tests us in these areas just to help us maintain right attitudes. The apostle Paul said that he learned how to be content whether he was abased or abounding (see Philippians 4:12). We may experience times of plenty and times of need, but if we remain steady and unchanging no matter what, then we know that things do not have an ungodly hold on us. God wants us to be blessed and to enjoy the best life has to offer, but He wants us to keep Him first in our lives. One man said, "I am very rich, but when I got cancer I called on God, not the first bank of the U.S."

When everything else is gone, and it will be some day, there will be God. We must keep Him in first place in our lives. We came into the world with nothing and we will leave the same way. You cannot take money and things with you when you go, so do not worship them while you are here.

Sometimes we give more consideration to what people tell us than to what God says to us. If we pray diligently and hear from God, but then start asking everybody else what they think, we are honoring people's opinions above the Word of God. This attitude prevents us from developing a relationship where we consistently hear from God.

First John 2:27 confirms that we can trust God to instruct us without needing constant reassurance from others. But is this verse saying we do not need anybody to teach us the Word? No, because God appointed some people to teach in the body of Christ. But 1 John 2:27 says that if we are in Christ, we have an anointing that abides on the inside of us to guide and direct our lives. We might occasionally ask someone for their wisdom, but we do not constantly need to go to other people and ask them about decisions we need to make for our own lives.

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, commentaries, pages 2097-2100)  
(Word Search 9, Bible Software; (KJV) 2005; Bibles, dictionary, concordance, sermons, scripture)

**Psa 119:105**  
**Thy word [is] a lamp unto**  
**my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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