

LOVE GOD, NOT THE WORLD | ESSENTIAL, PART 3  
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**Proverbs 23:26 (NLT)** *O my son, give me your heart. May your eyes take delight in following my ways.*

IF YOU WANT WHAT NORMAL PEOPLE HAVE,  
DO WHAT NORMAL PEOPLE DO

IF YOU WANT WHAT FEW PEOPLE HAVE, DO WHAT FEW PEOPLE DO

**Matthew 7:13-14 (ESV)** <sup>13</sup> *“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.*

**Proverbs 14:12 (ESV)** *There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death.*

PEOPLE WHO LOVE GOD DON'T THINK LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE THINK

**Romans 12:2 (MSG)** *Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*

- Normal people conform their thinking to the way that normal people see the world
- People who love God conform their thinking to the way that God sees the world

CONSTANT PRESSURE TO CONFORM TO THE NORM

➤ INWARD PRESSURE: THE NEED TO PLEASE OTHERS

**Proverbs 29:25 (ESV)** *Fear of man will prove to be a snares, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.*

WHEREVER FAMILY IDENTITY IS STRONG, PEER PRESSURE IS WEAK

WHEREVER FAMILY IDENTITY IS WEAK, PEER PRESSURE IS STRONG

➤ OUTWARD PRESSURE: THE CRITICISM OF OTHERS

**John 15:18-20 (NLT)** <sup>18</sup> *“If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. <sup>19</sup> The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. <sup>20</sup> Do you remember what I told you? ‘A slave is not greater than the master.’ Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you.*

DON'T WORRY WHEN THEY CRITICIZE YOU,  
WORRY WHEN THEY DON'T

**1 Peter 2:11-12 (NLT)** <sup>11</sup> *Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. <sup>12</sup> Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.*

PEOPLE WHO LOVE GOD DON'T LIVE LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE LIVE

**1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)** <sup>15</sup> *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

PEOPLE WHO LOVE GOD  
LOVE GOD MORE THAN THE THINGS IN THIS WORLD!

**John 10:7-11 (NLT)** <sup>7</sup> *I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. <sup>10</sup> The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. <sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.*

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