

Women in the Word September 29, 2020

Five L's – Liar, Light, Love, (en)Liven, Life from I John 2:3 – 17

1. LIAR

- Satan is the father of lies – John 8:44
- I John 1:6, ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- I John 1:8, ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- I John 1:10, ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.
- I John 2:4, ⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

2. LIGHT

- I John 1:7, But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- Walking in the light means obedience to God's word.
- We know him if we keep his commandments.
- Psalm 119:105, Your word *is* a lamp to my feet, And a light to my path.
- John 14: 15, ¹⁵ "If you love Me, keep My commandments.
- Walking in the light is a test of moral obedience.

3. LOVE

- Demonstrating love is a test of social obedience.
- I John 2: 7 – 8
- The old commandment
- The new commandment
- Matthew 22: 37 – 40, ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹ And *the* second *is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."
- Darkness is passing away, but the light of Christ can shine through love.
- How is this a new commandment?
It's authority
It's standard

It's emphasis
It's extent
It's experience

- I John 2: 9 – 11
- We cannot walk in the light of Christ and harbor hate within.
- Love or hate – it's a matter of the will.

4. (EN)LIVEN

- John changes to a poetic form.
- He addresses three levels of spiritual maturity:
Little children
Young men
Fathers
- Ephesians 6: 10, Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.

5. Life

- I John 2: 15 – 17 ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.
- What is the world? The cosmos
- The world system
 1. Headed by Satan – 2 Corinthians 4: 3 – 4; John 12: 31
 2. It has its own philosophy. Ephesians 2: 2
 3. It consists of all humanity outside of Christ. I John 5: 19
 4. It is anti-Christ and anti-Bible.
- What is worldliness?
- We are not to love the things of this world.
 1. The lust of the flesh – appetites
 2. The lust of the eyes – affections
 3. The pride of life – ambitions
- Choose your love – either the world or the Father, but not both.
- Maintain your love – either the world or the Father, but not both.
- How then shall you live? With eternity's values in view.

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