

Fear or Love**1 John 2:12-17****Remain, 4****Dr. Ted Wueste****Who are you?** verses 12-14

"I am writing to you ..."

Rest in the reality of God's love and forgiveness. vv. 12, 13c

"little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake"

Reach toward loving God through your keeping His word. vv. 13a, 14a

"fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning"

Realize that Christ has given you victory. vv. 13b, 14b

"young men, because you have overcome the evil one"

Who do you love? verses 15-17**Don't love the world system. vv. 15a**

"don't love the world"

>> *What is the world?*>> *Why would we love it?*Admit that loving God and the world don't fit together. vv. 15b

"if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him"

Acknowledge the ways that you struggle with the world system. vv. 16

"for all that is in the world ... is not from the Father but is from the world"

- what you do to feel good... "the desires of the flesh"
- what others think of you ... "the desires of the eyes"
- what you have ... "pride in possessions"

Awake to the true destiny of the two systems. vv. 17

"the world is passing away along with its desires"

APPLICATION**Quotes:**

At the heart of "uncertainty, confusion, and addiction is the deep and intense longing to give and receive love amidst a sea of shame, rage, and terror." Gerald May