



PART 1: THE WORLD'S BEAT

1 John 2:15-17 (MSG) *Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.*

1 John 2:16 (KJV) *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.*

The world's drum beats to:

1. The lust of the _____. If it feels good, _____!

The lust of the flesh can be summed up in one word:

_____.

Ecclesiastes 2:1 (CW) *I decided to enjoy myself. I wanted to be happy and not worry—to be free from responsibilities. But I soon found that if all you do is live to enjoy yourself, life has no meaning.*

Philippians 2:4 (ESV) *Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

1 Corinthians 10:24 (ESV) *Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.*

The thing that gives life meaning and purpose is enjoying _____.

2. The lust of the _____. If you want it, _____!

Ecclesiastes 2:10 (CW) *I denied myself no pleasure. Whatever I wanted, I got.*

Ecclesiastes 2:10 (MSG) *Everything I wanted I took—I never said no to myself. I gave in to every impulse, held back nothing . . . There was nothing to any of it. Nothing.*

The lust of the eyes can be summed up with one word:

_____.

1 Timothy 6:6 (KJV) *Godliness with contentment is great gain.*

1 Timothy 6:9 (TPT) *Those who crave the wealth of this world slip into spiritual snares. They become trapped by the troubles that come through their foolish and harmful desires, driven by greed and drowning in their own sinful pleasures.*

The thing that gives life meaning
and purpose is _____.

3. The _____ of life. I don't _____ in this area.

The pride of life can be summed up in one word:

_____.

Genesis 3:6 (GNT) *The woman saw how beautiful the tree was and how good its fruit would be to eat, and she thought how wonderful it would be to become wise.*

Ecclesiastes 2:12, 26 (CW) *So I decided to give my energies to philosophy and learning, examining the questions of life God is the source of all knowledge as well as all joy. He gives wisdom and happiness to those who please Him I concluded that life without God has no more purpose than chasing the wind.*

The thing that gives life meaning and
purpose is _____.



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Christianity is not about what we can't do. It is about what we can do with God in our lives. But you will never understand that until you start marching to a different beat.

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The world's drum beats to:

1. The lust of the **flesh**. If it feels good, **do it!**

The lust of the flesh can be summed up in one word: **selfishness**. It is living to please self. You void yourself of the responsibility of other people.

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We weren't created to live for self. Others before self.

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Is NOT enjoying self

The thing that gives life meaning and purpose is enjoying **people**. Live to the beat of a different drum.

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The lust of the eyes can be summed up with one word too: **Greed**. We see it, and we want it. [Envy/Jealousy]

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Is NOT stuff/Greed

The thing that gives life meaning and purpose is **Godliness**. It's the joy that comes from knowing you're doing the right thing.

3. The **pride** of life. I don't **need God**, in this area. We think we have it all figured out. I can do this on my own.

The pride of life can be summed up in one word: **Godlessness**. We place our faith in ourselves: our achievements, wisdom, education, and possessions.

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Is NOT the praise of men

The thing that gives life meaning & purpose is **the presence of God**.