

... Is Affection !

All I Want For Christmas...

1 John 2:15 Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. **16** For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. **17** And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever. *(NLT)*

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How do I know when I crave the wrong type of affection?

It's All About _____

My _____

Matthew 6:7 "When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. **8** Don't be like them, for

your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!" *(NLT)*

Matthew 6:31 "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' **32** These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs." *(NLT)*

My _____

Revelation 3:16 But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! **17** You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. *(NLT)*

Jude 1:16 These people are grumblers and complainers, living only to satisfy their desires. They brag loudly about themselves, and they flatter others to get what they want. *(NLT)*

James 4:1 What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? **2** You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. **3** And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure. **4** You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. *(NLT)*

My _____

Mark 7:15 "It's not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart." **20** And then he added, "It is what comes from inside that defiles you. **21** For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, **22** adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. **23** All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you." (NLT)

Luke 12:34 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. (NLT)

Romans 1:24 So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. **25** They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. (NLT)

Galatians 5:16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. **17** The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. **18** But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, **21** envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. (NLT)

My _____

Ecclesiastes 2:1 I said to myself, "Come on, let's try pleasure. Let's look for the 'good things' in life." But I found that this, too, was meaningless. (NLT)

Ephesians 4:18 Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. **19** They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity. **20** But that isn't what you learned about Christ. (NLT)

2 Timothy 3:1 You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. **2** For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. **3** They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. **4** They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. **5** They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that! (NLT)

If I all I _____ about is me -
then I am _____.

What type of affection should I crave?

It's All About _____

Show _____

Ephesians 4:31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. **32** Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. *(NLT)*

Show _____

Matthew 7:2 "For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged." *(NLT)*

Matthew 6:14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. **15** But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." *(NLT)*

Show _____

Matthew 7:12 "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets." *(NLT)*

1 Corinthians 13:1 If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. *(NLT)*

Show _____

Romans 12:9 Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. **10** Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. *(NLT)*

Show _____

Philippians 2:3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. **4** Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. *(NLT)*

Jude 1:22 And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. **23** Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives. *(NLT)*

If I don't _____ affection towards others -
then I am not living as God _____.

Where do I find real affection?

It's All About _____

His _____

Matthew 5:3 "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs." (NLT)

Matthew 6:31 "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'" **32** These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. **33** Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." (NLT)

His _____

Psalms 37:3 Trust in the Lord and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper. **4** Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires. (NLT)

His _____

Galatians 5:22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. **25** Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. **26** Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another. (NLT)

His _____

Ephesians 4:20 But that isn't what you learned about Christ. **21** Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, **22** throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. **23** Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. **24** Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. (NLT)

If I don't _____ God's affection toward me -
then I won't ever be _____ with anyone else's affection.

2021 Devotions: 1 Chapter for 1 Week

This week: Galatians 5
Read, Dwell, Read, Think, Read, Live