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The Lust of the Eyes (The Sight Series #4)

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I John 2:15-17 ¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. (NIV)

Matthew 4:8-11 ⁸Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹“All this I will give You,” he said, “if You will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰“Away from Me, Satan!” Jesus declared. “For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’” ¹¹Then the devil left Him, and angels came and ministered to Him. (BSB)

Q: What is the lust of the eyes?

A: The temptation to covet what you do not have and what you do not have a right to.

I. Here are the details of the Matthew 4 passage.

- A.** This was one of the temptations that Jesus had in the desert.
- B.** Jesus was being tempted by being shown the kingdoms of the earth. V.8
- C.** For the price of worship these kingdoms would be given to Jesus. V.9
- D.** Jesus rebuked him and quoted Deuteronomy 6:13. V.10
- E.** Jesus was victorious and the devil left Him. V.11

II. What can we learn from this?

- A.** This is a common temptation to all people.
- B.** We will not be victorious unless we memorize Scripture.
- C.** It is important that we keep things in their proper place.
- D.** It is essential that we worship only God.
- E.** Be aware of how subtle this type of temptation is.