

The Big Idea

The focus of my love determines who I am.

1 John 2:12–14

I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.

I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father.

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I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

1. Children

Definition: Those who know the Father because they have known forgiveness for their sins.

Luke 18:17

I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

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John 1:3; Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

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- John 1:1
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

3. Young Men:

Definition: Those who have victory over Satan through the power of God's word.

Luke 4:4

It is written; "Man does not live by bread alone."

4. Nonconformists:

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1 John 2:15a

Do not love the world or anything in the world.

1 John 2:15b

If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 2:16

For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man, the lust of the eyes and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world.

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Matthew 5:28

I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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Every person will die and then must forever let go of the possessions and pleasures of this world. Those who trust in God have already begun a life everlasting.