

Love One Another

with

**DISCERNMENT**



# A ~~New Year's~~ Lifetime Resolution

1 John 2:15-27

"Abide in Truth...

...In the Midst of Deception Within"

**We either nurture or neglect our priorities**

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# Digging into the Text...

- 1. Test “4b” – Do Not Love the World**
  - **The Nature of Sin**
  - **Avenues of Sin**
- 2. Deceivers & Deceptions of the Last Hour**
- 3. Characteristics of Genuine Christians**

# The Roman Empire at its Height



# **The Nature of Sin...**

## **1. Sin is Lawlessness**

**Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.**

***1 John 3:4***

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## **2. Sin comes from within**

**He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come -- sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”**

***Mark 7:20-23***

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## **3. Sin is humanly incurable**

**The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.**

**Romans 8:7-8**



# **The Nature of Sin...**

## **4. The Pharisees redefined sin**

**He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:**

**“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’**

**You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”**

***Mark 7:6-8***

# **The Permanence of the Soul: Consequences**

**“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out -- those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.**

***John 5:28-29***

**Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.**

***Matthew 10:28***

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***1 John 2:18-19***

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# Last Hour: Cross-Reference

**The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.**

***1 Timothy 4:1-2***



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# Mark of a Believer: Endurance

**Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.**

*Mark 13:13*

**We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.**

*Hebrews 3:14*

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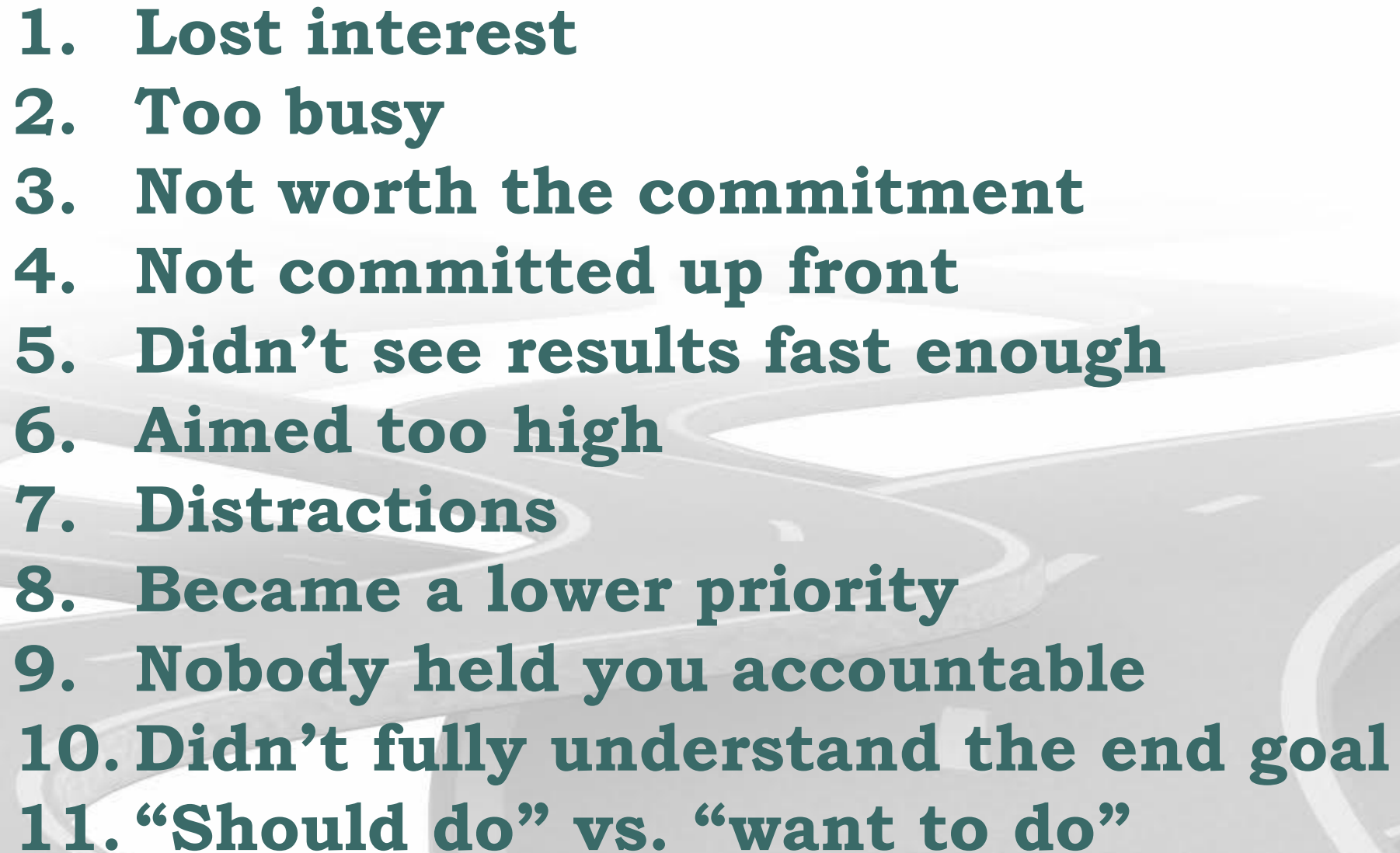
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