

**keys
to
fellowship**

³What we have seen and heard we announce to you also, so that you will join with us in the fellowship that we have with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this in order that our joy may be complete.

1 John 1:3-4 (GNT)

“John is contemplative rather than argumentative. He presents truths as they come by intuitive perception rather than by reasoned conclusion. He is mystical rather than logical. He sees the confirmation of truth in one’s experience of it rather than in demonstration by argument.”

J. Sidlow Baxter

DETACH & ATTACH

¹²I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. ¹³I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. ¹⁴I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

1 John 2:12-14 (ESV)

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)

The World:

World affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc, which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ

SHINY OBJECT SYNDROME

Progress

normal curve
of fellowship
with God

shiny object syndrome curve

“oh look,
a new
pleasure!”

“oh look,
a new toy!”

“oh look,
a new
privilege!”

Time

- A. Self-Centered Desires** (“the desires of the flesh”)
- B. Shiny Objects** (“the desires of the eyes”)
- C. Pride Builders** (“the pride of life”)



SOUTH BEACH
SESSIONS



¹⁰Demas fell in love with this present world and has deserted me, going off to Thessalonica. Crescens went to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he can help me in the work.

2 Timothy 4:10-11 (GNT)

Rich people always think they are wise, but a poor person who has insight into character knows better.

Proverbs 28:11 (GNT)

¹⁰Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones. ¹¹If, then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what belongs to you? ¹³No servant can be the slave of two masters; such a slave will hate one and love the other or will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Luke 16:10-13 (GNT)

1. Worship Often

2. Give Obediently

**3. Have A Kingdom-Focused
Stewardship**

¹⁰Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house . . . Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

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