

CHASING CARROTS - PART 5: AMENITIES

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Very few people dream of the challenges of life that are coming their way in the next 5 years. Rather, we tend to dream of and live for the comforts (amenities) found in the ease of life. Yet, the challenges of a life of ease and comfort can be misdirected and misaligned priorities – we see things and people through a “me” lens rather than a God lens. Love for things of ease and comfort can replace love for God and others. But when love for God penetrates our hearts, love permeates our lives – even when it’s uncomfortable.

READ 1 JOHN 2:15-17

- What are some things the world offers you?
- How can loving what the world offers replace the love of God in our hearts?
- In what ways are the cravings of this world temporary?
- In what ways are the cravings of this world a counterfeit to pleasing God?
- What do you think it means to please God?
- What do you think it means that the cravings we feed are never fully and finally satisfied? Do you agree with this? Why or why not?
- How is pleasing God permanent rather than temporary?
- Why do you think we tend to prefer comfort & convenience over challenges & complications?
- How can comfort and convenience become barriers to God’s love permeating our hearts and lives?
- Do you agree that the uncomfortable can do something in us and motivate us to move through the discomfort?
- Based on the goals you have, is it better to sit through the discomfort or move through the discomfort?
- What next step will you take for God’s love to permeate your heart and life?

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