

# Affections That Are Misplaced

**Text: Colossians 3:1,2**

## Introduction:

1. Affection means: A bent of mind toward a particular object.
  2. The Greek word means natural affection, or tenderly affectionate.
  3. Some synonyms are: Fondness, Attachment, Kindness, Love, Liking, Tenderness.
  4. Misplaced means: To place upon an unworthy object. To put into a wrong place.
  5. This morning we will look at some ways of misplacing affections.
- I. Love Of Money: Ecclesiastes 5:10-17.**
  - A. Love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. **1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19**
  - B. It caused Judas to steal. **John 12:1-8.**
  - C. It caused Judas to sell Christ. **Matthew 26:14-16.**
  - D. It caused Ananias and Sapphira to lie. **Acts 5:1-11.**
  - E. It caused Demetrius to stir up the people against Paul. **Acts 19:23-29.**
- II. Love Of Self: “When a person is wrapped up in himself, he makes a very small package.”**
  - A. Caused many other evils to come about. **2 Timothy 3:1-9.**
  - B. Caused Theudas and Judas of Galilee to lose their lives along with those that followed them. **Acts 5:33-39.**
  - C. Caused trouble among the disciples. **Matthew 20:20-28.**
- III. Love Of Pleasure.**
  - A. Causes one to lose respect for God. **2 Timothy 3:4.**
  - B. Causes the flesh to war against the soul. **James 4:1-10.**
  - C. Causes living death or separation from God. **1 Timothy 5:6**
  - D. Caused Belshazzar to lose his kingdom. **Daniel 5.**
  - E. Causes the word of God to be choked out. **Luke 8:14.**
- IV. Love Of Having The Pre-Eminence.**
  - A. Caused Miriam to become leprous. **Numbers 12:1-15.**
  - B. Caused John to condemn Diotrephes. **3 John 9-11.**
- V. Love Of The World.**
  - A. Caused Demas to forsake Paul. **2 Timothy 4:10.**
  - B. Will cause Christians to forsake Christ and the church. **2 Peter 2:20-22.**
  - C. We are not to love the world. **1 John 2:15-17.**
- VI. Love Of Darkness.**
  - A. Evil loves darkness. **John 3:19-21.**
  - B. Will cause the judgment day to slip up on us as a thief in the night, and we shall not be prepared. **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.**
  - C. All manner of sin is committed under the cover of darkness.
  - D. Lives become more evil as crime is hidden.
  - E. Judas led enemies to Christ at night. **John 13:30.**
    1. But darkness of night will not hide one from God. **Psalm 139:1-12.**
- VII. Love Of The Praise Of Men.**

- A. Kept rulers from confessing Christ. **John 12:42,43.**
- B. Will keep us from receiving any reward from God. **Matthew 6:1-8.**
- C. Will keep us from being a servant of Christ. **Galatians 1:10.**

**Conclusion:**

1. **We should** set our affections on things above. **Colossians 3:1,2**
2. **We should** be kind and affectionate toward one another. **Romans 12:10**
3. **We should** lay up our treasures in heaven. **Matthew 6:19-21**
4. **We should** love God, Christ, the church, each other, our companions, our children, father, mother, brother, and sister.
5. **We should** love the good in all men and hate sin found in any person. **Psalms 119:104,128.**
6. **We should** love the law of God and hate every false way.
7. **We should** love righteousness, peace, goodness, kindness.
8. **We should** love our enemies and pray for those who spitefully use and persecute us.
9. **We should** love to please God by doing His will.
10. Are **you** placing your affections in the right place?