

Worldliness

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Introduction

1. John 17:11, 16
2. Jesus prays for His apostles do not become like the world.
3. John tells us the same. 1 John 2:15-17
4. The majority of our problems, individually and collectively are rooted in this one problem i.e. worldliness.
5. What do we mean by worldliness
 - a. Worldliness is conforming to the world
 - b. It is anything that opposed to being transformed. Romans 12:1-2
 - c. It is world-likeness
 - d. It is anything that is not Christ-like or that hinders
 - e. It is anything disuniting our will with God's will
 - f. It is the opposite of spirituality
 - g. It is obsession with the temporal, material thing to the exclusion of spiritual growth and the neglect of spiritual interest.
 - h. Worldliness is a force that sidetracks the Christian from his greatest privilege and function— personal Christian growth fruitful service.
 - i. Worldliness in majoring on the temporal rather than spiritual.
 - j. It is habits, attitude, and inconsistencies, influences that hinder our fellowship with God.
 - k. It is a cancer that creates indifferences.
 - l. It is anything that leads away from God rather than closer to Him
6. What is your primary concern?
 - a. Social leader
 - b. Poplar, living in ease
 - c. Or trying to be the best Christian you can be
7. One does not have to be knee-deep in sin to be worldly!
8. Why are we worldly?

II Discussion

1. Failure to properly evaluate life
 - a. Life is short James 4:13-15
 - b. What shall a man give in exchange for his soul Matthew 16:24-26
 - c. By noticing what a man treasures, we can tell. Matthew 6:19-21
2. Failure to reach our potential in Christian living
 - a. Life will not remain a vacuum, it will be filled with something Luke 11:14-26
 - b. Matthew 6:33 is a command based on building a life that is spiritual
3. Indifference
 - a. Travel the road of least resistance Revelation 3:15-17
 - b. Do you care what happens here? Matthew 22:5
4. Failure to pay the price to be spiritual
 - a. Colossians 3:1 in light of Matthew 9:21
 - b. James 4:4 who are our friends?

5. Failure to be guided by the Bible 1 Samuel 8:4-5 (Deuteronomy 17:14-18)
 - a. We want the Bible on certain things (the plan of salvation), but we want to do what we want on other things.
 - b. Everybody else is doing... dancing, drinking or drugs why can't I
 - c. I don't see any harm in ... instrumental music, drama teams, the Lord's Supper at other times

III Conclusion

1. What is the most important thing to you?
2. Where will you be when the church meets will say loudly if you are worldly or not.
3. Worldliness is a sin.
4. Come away from this sin, by believing repenting confessing and being baptized
5. or repenting confessing and praying

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