

Weighed Down by Worldliness

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Introduction:

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#1 The Meaning of Worldliness

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

James 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

#2 The Message of Worldliness

1st Worldliness is a P _____

One = Don't become _____ by the world

James 1:27 This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself **unstained** by the world.

Two = Don't become _____ to the world

Romans 12:2 Do not be **conformed** to the world...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Three = Don't become _____ with the world

1 Corinthians 11:32 we are disciplined by the lord in order that we may not be **condemned** along with the world.

Psalms 1:1 How blessed is the man who does not **walk** in the counsel of the wicked, Nor **stand** in the path of sinners, Nor **sit** in the seat of scoffers!

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1st Worldliness is a **Progression**

2nd Worldliness is forsaking a **P** _____

Psalm 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but Thee? And besides Thee, I desire nothing on earth.

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

3rd Worldliness is a Heart **P** _____

4th Worldliness is a wrong **P** _____

Matthew 19:29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.

5th Worldliness is a neglecting your **P** _____

John 4:34 My food is to do the **will of Him** who sent me, and to accomplish his work.

John 17:14–18 I have given them Thy word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **As Thou didst send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.**

Romans 12:9 Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

Examine your heart:

One = You are not _____ again

Romans 5:5 The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit ...

2 Timothy 3:2–5 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power.

Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

Two = Your love has grown _____

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. How does the untaught Christian view worldliness, and how should a well-taught Christian view worldliness?
2. Of the five messages of worldliness above (all the P's), which one is your biggest struggle and why?
3. What steps do you need to take in order to grow less worldly?
4. What means of grace will you depend upon in order for your heart to truly have Christ as your first love?

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