

“The Concern For Pollution”

Lesson Text: **2 Peter 2:20.**

I. So Much Concern For Pollution Of This World.

- Men Go To Great Measures To Fight Pollution Of The Earth.
 - Eliminating Carbon Emissions, Carbon Footprint, Desire For Clean Energy....
 - Helping People Get Clean Drinking Water, Conserving Energy, Recycling....
 - Cleaning Up Trash Out Of The Environment Where We Live.
- But The Biggest Threat We Face From Pollution Is All Around Us!
 - The pollutions Of Sin And It's Defilements Is Not A Big Concern To Most.
 - Christians Need To Make Men Aware Of This Great Threat To All Men!

II. Christians Must Fight The Pollution Of:

— Our Hearts.

- **Mark 7:1-23.**
- The Pharisees and Some Scribes Were So Concerned About The Physical (**vs. 1-5**).
- Jesus Addressed The Real Problem (**vs. 14-23**).
- Sin Proceeds From The Heart (Conceived, Planned, Promoted, and Loved).
- **Proverbs 4:23; 16:9; 19:21; 27:19.**

— Our Speech.

- We Live In A Country That Values Free Speech, But Not All Speech Is Good.
- You Can Say It, But Is It Right To Do So? Clean Versus Filthy Speech?
- Many See Nothing Wrong With:
 1. Telling Dirty Jokes (Salacious Humor).
 2. Derogatory Language.
 3. Curse Words.
 4. Ugly Words.
 5. Lying Lips.
- **Ephesians 4:29; 5:3-5; Colossians 3:8; Titus 2:6-8.**

— Our Eyes.

- **Psalm 119:37 (ESV); Psalm 101:3.**
- Pornography Is The Largest Business On The Internet.
- According to a nationally representative survey of U.S. teens, 84.4% of 14 to 18-year-old males and 57% of 14 to 18-year-old females have viewed pornography.
- But It Destroys A Healthy View Of Marriage and All It Stands For.
- Television Shows And Movies That Promote Lust, Greed, Violence...
- Someone Might Say, “Is It A Sin To Enjoy This Kind Of Entertainment?” **Philippians 4:8.**

— Our Morals And Values.

- **Isaiah 5:20-24.** Israel Lost Its Moral Compass- God's Word!
- Can America Do The Same? **Psalm 9:17.**

III. How Do We Fight This Pollution?

1. Realize The Danger. **Ephesians 5:15.**
2. Eliminate The Trash Out Of Our Lives. **1 Peter 2:1.**
3. Be A Good Example To Others. **Philippians 2:15.**