

“The Dangers of Worldliness To Our Faith”

Lesson Text: **1 John 2:15-17**

I. God Warns Us Of This Danger.

- Avoid it **1 Timothy 6:20; 2 Timothy 2:16.**
- Don't Be **“Conformed to this World” Romans 12:1-2.**
- Remain **“unspotted from the world” James 1:27.**
- Deny **“ungodly and worldly lusts” Titus 2:11-12.**
- The **“worldly minded”** won't be saved **Philippians 3:18-19.**

II. What Is Worldliness?

A. Thayer defines the **“World” (Kosmos)** *“Primarily order, arrangement.”*

1. *The circle of the Earth (Gen. 1:1).*
2. *The inhabitants of the Earth, men, the human race.” (John 3:16).*
3. *The ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God and therefore hostile to God. (1 John 5:19).*
4. *Worldly affairs; the aggregate of things earthly; the circle of earthly goods, endowments, riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which, although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ (Matt. 13:22).*

B. All sin is worldliness.

- The works of the flesh **Galatians 5:19-21.**

Pornography, immodest dress, vulgar speech, sexual immorality, lying, murder, drunkenness, recreational drugs, lewd dancing, and anything that promotes lust...

2 Peter 1:4; Ephesians 2:1-6.

- Any thought, attitude, or action hostile to God or His ways **Luke 12:19.**

C. The more insidious form of worldliness is **“the cares of this world.”**
Matthew 13:22; Mark 4:19. Includes even non-sinful things....

III. Why Worldliness Is A Problem.

A. We Lose Our Distinctiveness & Moral Purity.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18; Ephesians 5:8-11.

B. It Causes Us To Be Unfruitful in the Kingdom Work.

Mark 4:19; John 15:1-8.

C. It Blinds Us To Our Duties To God.

Luke 12:15-21; Luke 14:16-20.

D. It Hinders & Stunts Our Growth As A Christian.

2 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 5:15-17; 2 Peter 1:5-8.

E. It Can Lead Us Away From God.

2 Peter 3:17; 2 Timothy 4:10 (See 1 John 2:15-17 again).