

WORLDLINESS  
II Timothy 4:10

- I. Worldliness has always plagued God's people.
  - A. Eve ate of fruit after seeing it had beauty. Gen 3
  - B. Israel worshiped idols as Egyptians had done. Ex 32
  - C. David's worldly desires caused him to sin. II Sam 11
  - D. Demas forsook Paul because of the world. II Tim 4:10
- II. Worldliness and Godliness don't mix.
  - A. God commands separateness. II Cor 6:17-18, Is 52:11
  - B. God wants His own to be pure.
- III. What is Worldliness?
  - A. Anything that comes between us and God.
  - B. Any inordinate desire to be like the world.
    1. We live in the world but are not of it. I Cor 5:10
    2. Must seek God's kingdom first. Lk 12:31
    3. Must set affections on things above. Col 3:2
- IV. How is worldliness manifested?
  - A. Personal rejection of God's authority.
    1. Person to live, talk and act like the world.
    2. Person becomes friends with the world. I Pet 4:2-6
    3. Friendship with the world is against God. Jas 4:4
  - B. Rejection of God's pattern for worship.
    1. Worldliness is at the root of many innovations.
    2. We must not try to keep up with denominational world.
- V. Why is worldliness a problem?
  - A. Takes focus away from the one true God.
  - B. Strangles church growth by stealing time from members.
    1. When we are keeping up with the world we have not time.
    2. For bible study, prayer, church attendance, etc.
  - C. Causes people to become inactive in the cause of Christ.
    1. In the process the edification process suffers.
    2. Leaders don't lead as they should.
- VI. How to avoid worldliness.
  - A. Know God's word. Mt 4
  - B. Pray. Mt 6:13
  - C. Scrutinize our activities.
    1. Recreational
    2. Business
    3. Ask how a certain thing will affect us and others.
  - D. Make sure it doesn't fit in the list of Gal 5:19-21
  - E. Ask if Jesus would do this thing.