

What is Worldliness?

Text: And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

Intro: A Burnt Offering

I. An Assumption

II. Two Possibilities

III. Result

Application 1: The Water

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Current

The rule of the bulk of mankind is to go with the stream, to do as others, to follow the fashion, to keep in with the common opinion, and to set your watch by the town-clock. --Ryle

Application 2: The Current

...for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. (2 Timothy 4:10)

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. (James 4:4)

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and [also] its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. (1 John 2:15-17)

And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. (John 8:23)

The antithesis

Are there no foes
for me to face?
Must I not stem the
flood? Is this vile
world a friend to
grace, to help me
on to God?

Application 3: Sifting

Application 4: Wrong Turns

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Application 5: Suggestions

Application 6: The Day

Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. (Revelation 14:1-4)