

WHAT'S HURTING US RIGHT NOW?

WORLDLINESS

Ephesians 2:1-6

AND YOU WERE DEAD IN YOUR TRESPASSES AND SINS, IN WHICH YOU FORMERLY WALKED ACCORDING TO THE COURSE OF THIS WORLD, ACCORDING TO THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, OF THE SPIRIT THAT IS NOW WORKING IN THE SONS OF DISOBEDIENCE. AMONG THEM WE TOO ALL FORMERLY LIVED IN THE LUSTS OF OUR FLESH, INDULGING THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH AND OF THE MIND, AND WERE BY NATURE CHILDREN OF WRATH, EVEN AS THE REST. BUT GOD, BEING RICH IN MERCY, BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE WITH WHICH HE LOVED US, EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, MADE US ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST (BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED), AND RAISED US UP WITH HIM, AND SEATED US WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST JESUS...

WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

Worldliness is allowing ourselves to be influenced by the world to the degree that it affects our service to God.

“one who walks according to the course of this world.”

Ephesians 2:1-3

“Do not love the world or 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, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever” 1 John 2:15-17

EXAMPLES OF WORLDLINESS...

"Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

1 Samuel 8:19-21

- **Matt. 19:16-22 – The Rich Young Ruler**
- **Luke 12:13-21 – The Parable of the Rich Fool**
- **Luke 10:38-42 – The Account of Mary and Martha**

PASSAGES THAT ADDRESS WORLDLINESS

What it is...

- Matthew 13:22
- 1 Corinthians 3:2-3
- Philippians 3:18-19
- 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- James 4:4
- 1 Peter 4:2-4
- James 3:13-18
- Romans 1:32

Some of its results...

- 1 Peter 2:11
- Matthew 6:19-21
- Matthew 6:24

DEALING WITH WORLDLINESS:

WE HAVE TO...

- 1. PUT GOD FIRST.** —(*MATTHEW 6:33*)
- 2. MAKE UP OUR MINDS ABOUT WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO.** —(*ROMANS 12:1-2*)
- 3. REPENT—CHANGE THE WAY WE LIVE.** (*JN. 12:25, ROM. 13:14*)
- 4. BE AWARE OF WHAT WORLDLINESS IS.** —(*2 COR. 2:10-11*)
- 5. REPLACE WORLDLINESS WITH GODLY AND RIGHTEOUS THINGS.** —(*COL. 3:1-7, TITUS 2:11-12, HEB. 11:24-26*)
- 6. “PUT ON” THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.** —(*1 JN. 5:4-5, ROM. 6:1-14*)