

WORLDLINESS IN THE CHURCH II

I JOHN 2:15

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

I JOHN 2:16

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

I JOHN 2:17

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

I JOHN 2:18

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

I JOHN 2:19

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

II CORINTHIANS 12:15

15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

II CORINTHIANS 12:16

16 But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.

GILL SAID:

nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile; so say the false apostles of me; for these are not the words of the apostle in

his own person; nor to be understood of any spiritual craft, or lawful cunning and prudent artifices used by him,

to allure and draw the Corinthians into a good liking and opinion of the Gospel and of his ministry, these words are spoken in the person of the false apostles, charging him with a wicked and criminal craftiness, by making use of other persons in a sly underhanded way, to get this church's money

II CORINTHIANS 12:17

17 Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?

II CORINTHIANS 12:18

18 I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?

II CORINTHIANS 12:19

19 Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.

II CORINTHIANS 12:20

20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

lest there be debates; or "strifes", or contentions among them, about words to no profit, or about their ministers, as before; one being for Paul, and another for Apollos, and another for Cephas:

envyings: at each other's gifts, or "jealousies" of one another, and evil surmisings:

wraths; breaking out into words and actions, which discover hatred of mind, a malignant spirit, quite contrary to that of the Gospel:

strifes: law suits before heathen magistrates; contentions in the church who shall be greatest; or about lesser matters of religion, or things indifferent, vain, and trifling, and kept up merely for the sake of victory:

backbitings; speaking evil of one another, detracting from, hurting, or taking away each other's character and good name:

whisperings; secretly sowing discords among friends, and privately suggesting evil things of each other:

PROVERBS 16:28

28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

swellings; with pride and conceit of themselves, because of their riches, learning, and eloquence, and looking with disdain upon others:

tumults; at church meetings, interrupting one another, going into parties, and making rents and schisms.

SLANDER

NUMBERS 14:32

32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

NUMBERS 14:33

33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

NUMBERS 14:34

34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

NUMBERS 14:35

35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

NUMBERS 14:36

36 And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a *SLANDER upon the land,

SLANDER: dibbah {dib-baw'}
whispering, defamation, evil report, defaming, evil report,
unfavourable saying

PSALM 101:5

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

ROMANS 1:28

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

ROMANS 1:29

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, *COVETOUSNESS, *MALICIOUSNESS; full of envy, murder, *DEBATE, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

WICKEDNESS: poneria {pon-ay-ree'-ah}
Iniquity, depravity, iniquity, wickedness, malice, evil purposes
and desires

COVETOUSNESS: pleonexia {pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah}
Greediness, greedy desire to have more,

MALICIOUSNESS: kakia {kak-ee'-ah}

Malice, ill-will, desire to injure, wickedness that is not ashamed to break laws

DEBATE: eris {er'-is}

Strife, contention, wrangling. The word in the original meant also contention, strife, altercation, connected with anger and heated zeal

DECEIT: dolos {dol'-os}

Guile, subtility, craft,

MALIGNITY: kakoetheia {kak-o-ay'-thi-ah}

bad character, depravity of heart and life, malignant subtlety, malicious craftiness, guilty of very ill manners

WHISPERERS: psithuristes {psith-oo-ris-tace'}

a whisperer, secret slanderer, detractor

ROMANS 1:30

30 *BACKBITERS, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

BACKBITERS: katalalos {kat-al'-al-os}

a defamer, evil speaker

Backbiters. Those who calumniate, slander, or speak ill of those who are absent. Whisperers declare secretly, and with great reserve, the supposed faults of others. Backbiters proclaim them publicly and avowedly.

Despiteful. This word denotes those who abuse, or treat with unkindness or disdain, those who are present. Whisperers and backbiters are those who calumniate those who are absent.

Proud. It is an inordinate self-esteem; an unreasonable conceit of one's superiority in talents, beauty, wealth, accomplishments, etc. Webster.

Boasters. Those who arrogate to themselves that which they do not possess, and glory in it. This is closely connected with pride. A man who has an inordinate self-conceit, will not be slow to proclaim his own merits to those around him.

Inventors of evil things. This doubtless refers to their seeking to find out new arts or plans to practice evil; new devices to gratify their lusts and passions; new forms of luxury and vice, etc. So intent were they on practicing evil, so resolved to gratify their passions, that the mind was excited to discover new modes of gratification.

Disobedient to parents. This expresses the idea that they did not show to parents that honour, respect, and attention which was due. This has been a crime of paganism in every age.

ROMANS 16:17

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

ROMANS 16:18

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

GALATIANS 5:14

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

GALATIANS 5:15

15 But if ye *BITE and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

BITE: dakno {dak'-no}

to bite with the teeth, metaph. , to wound the soul, cut lacerate, rend with reproaches

But if ye bite. Here it seems to be used in the sense of contending and striving--a metaphor probably taken from dogs and wild beasts.

And devour one another. As wild beasts do. The sense is, "if you contend with each other;" and the reference is, probably, to the strifes which would arise between two parties in the church.

Take heed that ye be not consumed, etc. As wild beasts contend sometimes until both are slain. Thus the idea is, in their contentions they would destroy the spirituality and happiness of each other; their characters would be ruined, and the church be overthrown.

The readiest way to destroy the spirituality of a church, and to annihilate the influence of religion, is to excite a spirit of contention.

If ye bite and devour one another,

Nothing is so destructive to the peace of man, and to the peace of the soul, as religious disputes; where they prevail, religion in general has little place.

The allusion is to beasts of prey falling upon and devouring one another: for wolves or dogs to worry sheep is not strange; but for sheep to distress one another is unnatural.

GALATIANS 5:15

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

"Biting" and "eating up" are images drawn from carnivorous animals furiously fighting with each other.

E-30 let's love one another. Don't fight one another. As long as the devil's got you fighting one another, he don't have to fight at all.

He will set back and has a picnic, watching you fight one another, and laugh at you professing to have the Holy Ghost, and fighting one another.

GALATIANS 5:16

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

To "walk in the Spirit" means to have our daily lives under His control, and this means under the direction of the Word of God.

Walking speaks of the ordinary. It is not the spectacular. Where our Christian character is most tested is in the ordinary round of life. Anyone can act special under special circumstances, but the real test is how you act in the ordinary walk.

ROMANS 8:1

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Who walk. Who conduct, or live.

Not after the flesh. Who do not live to gratify the corrupt desires and passions of the flesh. This is a characteristic of a Christian. It follows, that a man whose purpose of life is to gratify his corrupt desires cannot be a Christian.

but after the spirit, by which is meant, a principle of grace, in opposition to corrupt nature, the efficient cause of all grace: to walk after him, is to make him our guide, to follow his dictates, influences, and directions;

GALATIANS 5:17

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Though one is saved, he still has the old flesh and its vile appetites. They, however, can be subdued and conquered by being submissive to the Spirit through the Word of God.

THIRST_ TUCSON. AZ V-16 N-6 SUNDAY_ 65-0919

29 There is a control tower in the body, that tells you the need that's needed in your body, and it's brought to you by thirst. Also, there is a control tower in your soul,

that tells you the spiritual things that you have need of, something in your spirit, and, and you by this can tell what kind of a life is controlling you.

30 When you--when you can see what your desires are, then you can tell, by that, what kind of something that's in you, that's creating this desire that you have. See, there is a certain thing that you thirst for,

and it--and it can tell you in your soul what this desire is, by the nature of the thirst that you have. I hope that you can understand that.

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31 There is a--a control tower of the soul, and one for the body, and each tower is a warning caller for the needs of the other. Each one calls to the need for what the caller is calling for, it sends out a wave of warning.

32 For instance, the--the flesh thirst to satisfy the desires that's in the body, and the spirit desires for the things that's in the soul, desire is, and many times these war one against the other. We find there, what's a great trouble today, that too many people try to live between those two desires.

For, one of them desires the things of the earth, the other desires the things of Heaven.

Twofold nature of man: -- Man's being presents two sides. On the one hand the body, with all its physical needs, desires, impulses; on the other hand that spiritual nature which distinguishes him from the animal creation. These two sides are often found in collision, warring against each other.