

Doctrine of Worldliness

1. The Bible does teach the concept of worldliness.
2. To embrace worldliness is to embrace false doctrine.
3. If Christians are not careful, worldliness will be found in the church and among those who name the name of Jesus Christ.
4. Worldliness will come into the church because a primary characteristic of worldliness is friendliness, which is very appealing, especially to those who have been taught to love others.
5. However, worldliness produces spiritual adultery and brings loss of fellowship with God.
 - *James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*
6. The Christian is commanded not to love the world, neither the things that are in the world, for to love the world is not to love God.
 - *1 John 2:15 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.*
7. If biblical worldliness means, in part, to embrace false doctrine, manifested by the Judaizers in Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, than a twofold motive can be discerned.
 - Worldliness, in context a reference to Judaism, was promoted in an attempt to avoid persecution for the cross of Christ. *Galatians 6:12. As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.*
 - Worldliness, in context a reference to Judaism, was promoted in an attempt to exalt the flesh. *Galatians 6:13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.*
8. The reason why the Christian can never be a friend of the world is because it was the world that crucified Jesus Christ. It was the false doctrine of the Rabbi's, the Scribes, and the Pharisees that hated Christ so much He was put to death.