

WAR OF THE WORLDS – Part 14

The Believers Relationship With The World

John 17:14-18 KJV I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (15) I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. (16) They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (17) Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. (18) As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

THE BELIEVERS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE WORLD

The Three areas of Life where there is a constant War

The Body ■ The Feelings/Emotions ■ The Heart

- The Body is controlled by our Will
 - The Body is going to obey your Will
- The Feelings/Emotions and The Heart influence our Will
 - The Will issues commands to the Body based on the things that stimulate the Feelings and Heart

Ex: My experience at work

The Devil doesn't control the Will, neither does GOD control the Will

The war is not about control of the Will, but influence of the Will

I. Do not Conform to the world

Romans 12:1-2 KJV I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And **be not conformed to this world**: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Present - bring before, to give, to provide

Conform - take on the:

model, shape, attitude, likeness, mindset, behavior, beliefs, habits, appetite

✚ To bring before God the body as an acceptable offering, the believer must think differently about the body than the world.

The attitude of the world is to promote the independence of the body:

- The body is our personal property we own

- The body is to be used as we please
- The body for personal pleasure, enjoyment and achievement

The attitude of the believer is to embrace the accountability of the body:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 KJV What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own?** (20) For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

- The body belongs to GOD
- The body is the temple of the Spirit of GOD
- The body is to enjoy the blessing of life within the boundaries of GOD's spiritual laws

➤ **WHY WE SHOULDN'T FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF THE WORLD**

1. Insult the Spirit of grace of God

Hebrews 10:29 (GNB – Good News Bible) What, then, of those who despise the Son of God? who treat as a cheap thing the blood of God's covenant which purified them from sin? who insult the Spirit of grace? Just think how much worse is the punishment they will deserve!

- A disrespectful and ungrateful attitude for what was accomplished by the work of the blood of Christ in our life.

2. Victims of the Devils traps

2 Corinthians 2:11 (GW – God's Word) I don't want Satan to outwit us. After all, we are not ignorant about Satan's scheming.

- Becoming trapped into worse sins by the deception of the enemy

3. Undermines the Lord's plans

Jeremiah 29:11 (GNB – Good News Bible) I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for.

- Determination to follow the pattern of this world disrupts the destiny and future the LORD has designed for us to experience

4. Diminish your value to the LORD

2 Timothy 2:19-21 KJV Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. (20) But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. (21) If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

- The pattern of the world is to not prioritize relationship and usefulness unto GOD.

Ex: plates – is your body for: fine dining, every day, paper