

Five Areas of the Christian's Life That Will Reflect Worldliness

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1. Speech
2. Appearance
3. Human Relationships
4. Recreation
5. Religion

I. ONE'S SPEECH REFLECTS WORLDLINESS IN THE HEART:

1. Jesus said our speech reflects WHAT is in our heart – Matt. 12: 34 – 35.
2. Paul on the speech of Christians: Eph. 4:29; Col. 3:8; Eph. 5:4
3. Language that indicates the heart is of the world:
 - a. PROFANITY – Ex. 20:7; James 3:10
 - b. VULGARITY – Eph. 5: 4
 - c. LYING – Eph. 4:25
 - d. BACKBITING – Rom. 1: 30
 - e. BOASTER - Rom. 1:30
 - f. WHISPERERS – Rom. 1: 29
 - g. TATTLERS and BUSYBODIES – I Tim. 5:13; I Pet. 4:15

II. ONE'S APPEARANCE REFLECTS WORLDLINESS:

1. Our state of mind is reflected in our general appearance – I Tim. 2: 9 – 10.
 - a. *“Modest apparel”* – a woman's clothing should not be such as would expose her body in a way to suggest evil thoughts to men – MODEST means: Orderly; Well-arranged; Decent – Tit. 2: 3 – 5.
 - i. When a woman can't STAND, WALK, or SIT in all modesty, she is not “well-arranged”.
 - ii. Modest apparel is not:
 1. Too Short
 2. Too Tight
 3. Too Thin
 4. Too low at the neckline
 - b. A woman who had the characteristics of *“SHAMEFASTNESS AND SOBRIETY”* cannot expose her body to the gaze of men to excite in them lustful passions – 2 Pet. 2: 14.
 - c. *“Shamefastness”* – a sense of shame, modesty, reverence, the ability to blush.
 - i. Jer. 6:25 – *“they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush”* . . .
 - ii. Many sisters in the Lord's church have no shame – they wear open-backed sundresses with straps over the shoulders and low necklines in the assemblies of God's people when they worship.
 - iii. Many wear shorts, skin-tight pants, and go mixed-swimming almost nude.
 - d. *“Sobriety”* – Soundness of mind; self-control.

- i. A godly woman with self-control will not wear “enticing clothing” or display her body semi-nude to entice and tempt men.
 - ii. A woman who wears clothes that tend to excite lustful desires in men is LASCIVIOUS – Gal. 5:19.
- e. A woman partially disrobed excites lust in men – Matt. 5:28.
 - i. Bathsheba excited lust in David’s heart – 2 Sam. 11: 2 – 4.
 - ii. Herod was stirred by the dance of Herodias’ daughter – Mark 6:22.
- f. Men must dress in MODEST clothing and not look like women in hair styles – I Cor. 6:9.

III. HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS REFLECT WORLDLINESS – 2 Tim. 3: 1 – 5

1. The Bible teaches that the love of disciples for one another is one of the ways by which the world may know that they are disciples of the Lord – John 13: 34 – 35.
 - a. When brethren cannot get along, and no effort is made to get along, this is evidence of worldliness – I Cor. 3:1 – 3; Gal. 5:15.
2. The family relationships reflect worldliness:
 - a. HUSBAND AND WIFE – their attitudes toward each other – Eph. 5: 22 – 33; Tit. 2: 4 – 5; Col. 3: 18 – 19; I Pet. 3: 1 – 7.
 - b. CHILDREN’S attitudes toward parents – Eph. 6: 1- 4; 2 Tim. 3:2
 - c. PARENT’S attitude toward the children – 2 Tim. 3:3; Luke 1:17.
 - d. Attitudes toward IN-LAWS . . .
3. The way one treats his NEIGHBOR – Matt. 22:39; Matt. 7:12.
4. The way one treats a STRANGER – I Pet. 4:9; Heb. 13: 1 – 2
5. The way one treats BUSINESS ASSOCIATES – Col. 4:1; Rom. 12:11.
6. The way one treats an ENEMY – Matt. 5: 44 – 48; Rom. 12: 17 – 21.

IV. RECREATION

1. The way one may spend his leisure time in recreational activities reflects his state of mind toward worldly things.
2. The man who becomes so absorbed in pleasures that are right within themselves, and indulges himself excessively in fulfilling his appetites, and prefers these to the things of God, is worldly – 2 Tim. 3:4; Matt. 6:33.

V. RELIGION

1. Few people consider religion as an expression of worldliness.
2. The Bible teaches all false teachers and false religion is of the world.
 - a. 1 John 4: 1, 5; I John 2:19
 - b. The world is the origin and source of what false teachers teach – Matt. 15: 7 – 9.
 - c. False teachers and false religions are loved by worldly people – John 15:19
3. The majority of people want a worldly religion:
 - a. Situation Ethics – “ the end justifies the means” is used.
 - i. Sex outside of marriage is “ ok” if people “love” each other.

