

# THE DANGER OF WORLDLINESS

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## I. FOUR THINGS THAT CAUSE WORLDLINESS TO DEVELOP AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

### a. Commercial Preaching

- i. When a man preaches for wealth, praise, and power, he will preach what people want to hear.
- ii. Many today want to hear what will not condemn the things they are doing.
- iii. Paul said this would happen – 2 Tim. 4: 3- 4.
- iv. Jesus warned – Luke 6: 26.
- v. Peter warned – 2 Pet. 2:3.
- vi. Paul warned – Titus 1: 9 – 11.
- vii. A failure to have the word of God preached completely and without compromise leads to worldliness.

### b. Unqualified Elderships

- i. Men who are not qualified to lead and tend the flock of God.
- ii. Men who are unwilling to stand up against sin – Titus 1:9.
- iii. Men who will not discipline the ungodly – 2 Thess. 3:6.
- iv. Loose and liberal attitudes toward sin on the part of elders produce worldliness in the church – I Cor. 5: 1 – 7.

### c. Unconverted “church members”

- i. There are many who are numbered with the saints who have never really been converted – they only got wet in water.
- ii. Many have become “members” because they liked the preacher, the building, the people, or to please a companion; some for business reasons.
- iii. Many have never repented of their sins – Acts 2:38.
  - i. They never stopped doing anything after baptism that they were doing before – they never put off the “old man” – Col. 3:9.
  - ii. These people influence others in the church to become worldly – I Cor. 15:33.

### d. A lack of discipline in the church causes worldliness.

- i. 2 Thess. 3:6
- ii. I Cor. 5: 1- 7
- iii. Where sin is tolerated men lose respect for the authority of Christ – Acts 5: 11.