

THE DANGER OF WORLDLINESS

Lesson 2

III. PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE CHRISTIANS IN DISCERNING GOOD AND EVIL. (Heb. 5:14).

1. Does it classify you WITH THE WORLD instead of WITH CHRIST and THE CHURCH? (Rom. 12:2; II Cor. 6: 14 – 17; II Cor. 7:1)

(1) DOES IT DESTROY YOUR IDENTITY AS A CHRISTIAN?

A. DANCING:

- a. When you see men and women dancing, what do you think?**
- b. Do you think people who dance are fine Christians?**
- c. If you saw the preacher dancing with one of the Bible class teachers, would you want to hear him preach?**
- d. Dancing is OF THE WORLD, and IDENTIFIES ONE WITH THE WORLD, NOT WITH CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH.**
- e. Dancing is LASCIVIOUSNESS (Gal. 5:19).**

(2) IMMODEST CLOTHING:

- A. When you see a nearly-nude woman or man in the grocery store, or some other place, what do you think?**
- B. Some seem to think we are supposed to behold near-nudity and not be moved to think anything.**
- C. When you see a scantily attired woman do you think that she is bound to be a “fine Christian woman”?**
- D. When you see a woman with a scanty top on, that doesn’t meet her pants, and she is naked in the middle; she also looks like she was “poured in the pants”, what do you think?**
- E. Do you say in your mind that she is bound to be discreet and chaste (Tit. 2:5)?**

F. If you saw some elders and preachers and their wives in swimming together in scanty bathing suits, what would you think about them?

G. Immodest dress identifies one with the world, not with Christ and His church!

H. Immodest dress is FORBIDDEN in the word of God:

a. I Tim. 2: 9 – 10

b. Tit. 2: 4, 5

c. Nakedness has always been a SYMBOL OF SHAME.

i. Gen. 3: 7, 21

ii. Rev. 3: 18

d. Jesus said: Matt. 5:28

e. Bathsheba's displaying herself immodestly within the view of David excited lust in his heart and led to adultery. (II Sam. 11: 2 – 4)

f. The daughter of Herodias danced before those at Herod's birthday party, and Herod was so stirred that he promised her with an oath that he would give her whatsoever she would ask (Matt. 14: 6 – 7).

I. It is a shame that women no longer wince at revealing their bodies, and deliberately adapt their clothes for the purpose of attracting the male.

(3) DRINKING:

A. When you see a man or woman drinking alcoholic beverages, what do you think?

B. Do you think they are fine Christians?

C. Do you think these people are serving God?

D. No, you think these people are of the world.

E. If you know they are members of the church, you think they are not sincere in their allegiance to Christ.

F. One of the great moral problems of the United States is the drinking of alcohol.

G. Drinking is specifically forbidden in the word of God. (Gal. 5: 19 – 21; I Pet. 4:3).