

The Word on Worldliness: Defined
I John 2:15-17; Ephesians 2:1-3; James 4:1-4
Pastor Conley

Review:

Defining worldliness is a challenge with which many Christians in many cultures throughout history have wrestled. Our expositional study of the passages listed above helped us come to a helpful definition of worldliness: “The idolatry of worshiping and yielding to the present age of rebellion against God.” Pastor Conley also made the following observations:

- Worldliness is deeper, more serious, and more pervasive than we tend to think.
- Worldliness is the enemy of godliness and holiness.
- Worldliness is driven by selfish desire and empowered by Satan.
- Worldliness is contrary to the Holy Spirit and His transforming work.
- Worldliness is idolatrous, seeking to dethrone God from the human heart.
- Worldliness is hostile to Christ and those faithful to Him.
- Worldliness chokes out the fruitfulness of God’s Word in a person’s life.

Application:

1. Explain each of the passages listed above in your own words. What bearing do they have on your life? What application can you make?
2. Explain each of the “observations” in your own words.
3. Why is worldliness such a big deal?
4. What are some areas in which we could potentially be guilty of worldliness that we don’t typically think of as being worldly?