

## Net Mending Week 5

### Part 2: The World - The Enemy of Spiritual Growth

John warns us against those things that would hinder us – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

- "The world" is Satan's \_\_\_\_\_ for opposing the work of Christ on Earth.

John 5:44

How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God?

John 15:18

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.

"The kingdom" is Christ's philosophical system beckoning us to live in light of eternity.  
 "The world" is Satan's philosophical system beckoning us to live in light of the moment.

Ephesians 2:1-2

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

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**Three Reasons Why We Are Not to Love the World:**

1. Loving God and loving the world are \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

2 Timothy 3:1-2

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup>People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

2. The world is \_\_\_\_\_, but the Kingdom is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The world never \_\_\_\_\_.

- The flesh is \_\_\_\_\_ by the world but never satisfied.
- The world affects us \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Worldly living focus on what is \_\_\_\_\_ while mature believers focus on the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Part 3: God's Will

Ephesians 5:17

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

#### A. Facts about God's Will

1. A move toward \_\_\_\_\_ results in more clearly understanding God's will for your life.

Colossians 4:12

*Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.*

2. It is only after you are walking in \_\_\_\_\_ to the known will of God that He reveals more of his \_\_\_\_\_ will for your life.
3. Finding God's will is less \_\_\_\_\_ and more \_\_\_\_\_ than most think.

B. Finding God's Will

1. Decide which \_\_\_\_\_ you will live for.

Romans 12:1-2

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

- Ask God what you are supposed to \_\_\_\_\_ vs. what you are supposed to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Progress from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalms 37:4

*Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

- You will never know God's \_\_\_\_\_ apart from knowing his \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalms 119:105

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*

3. Eat what's on your \_\_\_\_\_.
- What \_\_\_\_\_ areas need confessing?
  - What would God say about your \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or your \_\_\_\_\_?

Psalms 139:23

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

- What \_\_\_\_\_ need addressing?
- Do you consistently put yourself in an environment to \_\_\_\_\_ God?

Psalms 46:10

*"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

Luke 5:16

*But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.*