

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, ²in 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.

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. ²People 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. ²Do 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.