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WORLDLINESS IS COSTLY!

God's children are not to be like the children of this world. God says, "Love not the world..." Yet the plain truth is that many Christians are worldly: they dress like the world, speak like the world, pursue the world's goals, etc. Be sure of this, Christian; it will cost you something to be worldly. What you sow, you reap, Galatians 6:7,8. Worldliness robbed godly Abraham of communion with God when he went down to Egypt (the world). Worldliness vexed Lot and caused that righteous man to lose all that he had including his entire family. Worldliness nearly cost righteous Jehoshaphat his life when he joined affinity with the ungodly King Ahab. Worldliness cost Demas, Paul's helper, his service for God, his reward and his fellowship with the Apostle. Worldliness cost David no end of trouble and grief and the loss of some of his own family members. **"Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."** ~Romans 12:2

WHY WE ARE HERE

"Ye are the light of the world; a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." ~Matthew 5:14. God has left us down here to shine. We are not here to buy and sell and get gain, to accumulate wealth, to acquire worldly possessions. The earth, if we are Christians, is not our home; it is yonder. God has sent us into the world to shine for Him – to light up this dark world. Christ came to be the Light of the world, but men put out that Light. They took it to Calvary and blew it out. Before Christ went up on high, He said to His disciples, Ye are the light of the world. Ye are my witnesses. Go forth and carry the Gospel to the perishing nations of the earth. – D. L. Moody

CHANGING WITH THE TIMES

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine... and they shall turn their ears from the truth..." ~II Timothy 4:3,4. Every effort to smooth out the road for men and to take away the guilt and the embarrassment is worse than wasted; it is evil and dangerous to the souls of men. One of the most popular current errors... is the notion that as times change, the church must adapt their methods by the demands of the people... Meanwhile the advocates of this compromise insist "That the message is the same, only the method changes." "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad." They were wiser than they knew. –A. W. Tozer. That cry was popular in Evangelical circles 50-60 years ago. Now it is commonly heard among Fundamentalists. For example, people today don't want the old hymns of worship and praise; therefore, you have got to give them something more current and with a contemporary beat. Or, you can't tell people what to wear to Church, times have changed (but the flesh has not)! Besides, they say that such things are legalistic. I have heard it said, that God doesn't care how you dress when you go to Church; He only cares that your heart be right. If you believe that, nothing I say will make any difference. If you should be interested read: I Corinthians 14:40; I Timothy 2:9; I Corinthians 10:31.

JUST ONE

If you're born again, you belong to Someone else! **"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own...glorify God in your body and spirit which are God's."** An officer of the engineers told the Duke of Wellington it was impossible to carry out his orders to build a certain bridge. He replied, "Sir, I did not ask your opinion. I gave you my orders and expect you to obey them!" We have the King's orders what are you doing with them?