

THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS WORLD

Text: 1 John 2:15-17

I. A Definition of the World (and Worldliness)

A. It is orderly, 1 Peter 3:3

B. It is headed by Satan, John 12:31; 2 Cor. 4:4; 1 John 5:18

C. It leaves God out (by counterfeiting)

1. Isa. 14:14

2. Gen. 3:5

3. 2 Tim. 3:5

II. The Deceptions of the World, 1 John 2:16-17

A. A deception about priorities: self is #1

1. Desires of flesh

2. Desires of the eyes

3. Pride of possessions

B. A deception about perspective: now is most important

1. 2 Cor. 4:16-18

2. Matt. 6:19-20

III. Defenses Against the World

A. Use but don't abuse, 1 Cor. 7:31

B. Enjoy but don't love, 1 Tim. 6:17 and 1 John 2:15

C. Live in but don't conform to, Rom. 12:2; 1 Pet. 1:14

Phil 1:9-10

### Discerning Love

Love in hippie culture. Love in world. Love in church.  
God is love. Jn 13:34 Rom 5:8. Mk 12:31.  
Powerful force. Can do damage if left go - swamp  
Can be nothing if dammed up. Can do good if  
channeled.

#### I. The Benefits Barrier

- A. Knowledge - full.  
of Him Eph 1:17 - facts - discerning  
of His will - Col 1:9 - application of facts wisely.
- B. Discernment - Jn 11:3 quick understanding or scent.  
Hb 5:14 - good - benefits Acts 9:26-7 - P  
11:22-3 - Antioch  
15:37-39 - Mark  
Evd - P - Gal 2:11 - doctrinal (H.S. Barnab.)  
16:5 - lesson  
Smelling 1 Co 12:17.

#### II. The Benefits

- A. Test the best. <sup>for self activities</sup> <sup>science</sup>
  - B. Love others - Simon - corrupted  
brotherly love - to self & others
  - C. Fruitful for God. VII. fruits of spirit (not activity)
- II. A. Pat to Self - not diff  
Sincere  
B. Pat to others - help  
- no struggling  
C. Pat to God - prior.
- Gal 5:13. Hb 12:13.

#### III. The Incentive

with an eye to day of K.

DOES FAITH OR FIGHT WIN THE VICTORY? Rom 6  
BELIEF BATTLE

I. Faith to Believe A Verdict: Freed from Master, Sin

- How? 1. By Union That Beg Begins 2-5  
2. By Separation That Unwilling brings 6



II. Fight to Achieve of Victories (not "The Victory")

- How? 1. Consider new life <sup>Fight, no healing, no time</sup> v11 Recluse Book II  
2. Fight to Refuse Reign, 12

1 Cor 10:14 - 2 Tim 2:22 - 1 Cor 15:33 - Rom 13:14; 16:19  
1 Cor 9:24-7.

HS & I involved Rom 8:13 Development

Flee Friends  
Discipline  
Expulsion

Emancipation of slaves

Time when Signed 1863 - The 13<sup>th</sup> amendment in 1865

Some considered + left plantation

" wanted trial to accept

∴ needed to fight. Have army of HS to help.

I. Let all be content. <sup>self-suff.</sup> Having and lacking both can be in will of God. Lk 6:20;8:3.  
1 Tim 6:6,10; Phil 4:11. 2 Cor 9:8  
Self-advancement fine, Lk 19:13 but not ill-gotten gain. Jas 5:3.  
All should work, 2 Thess 3:10 *rhord-Lk19:13*

II. Let all give.  
MK 12:43. 13 trumpet-like chests.  
Showed sacrifice<sup>(all)</sup> and trust (for job to eat)  
2 principles: even poor give; give generously.  
Candidates giving on tax. 1 Tim 6:17-19.

III. Let all appraise money. "evaluate worth, significance, status of"  
1. Money cannot buy best things in life, Lk 12:15.  
2. Money can breed covetousness, Lk 12:15.  
Having more will not solve. Contentment will  
3. Money is <sup>usefulness</sup> transitory. Either by my life ending as in foll. story, or by money ending. 1 Jn 2:17. Climax in Rev 18. *Lk 16*  
Description-demonic, 2, deluding, 3, delightful  
3. Destruction, 6, 10. Reactions, kingd, 9-10  
merchants, 11-17a; sea merchants, 17b-19  
heaven, 20. Babylon center in trib?  
4. Money makes it more difficult to see need of kingdom of God, Mt 19:24.

2A. Money can endeavor to lift Rom 13:8