

Intro:

Our definition of godliness (slightly modified):

Godliness is a manner of life dominated by reverence for God displayed in respect for others that is visible to outside observers and is not confused with worldliness.

Today I'd like to define the term *worldly* and begin to look at a key passage that will give us some insight into worldliness.

I. Defining 'worldly' [reviewing previous lesson]

Something is *worldly* when

- A. It is common or profane – 'babelos', "worldly fables, worldly chatter"
- B. It is not spiritual, but is natural – 'psukikos', worldly-minded (natural minded) Jude 19
- C. It is oriented towards life in the flesh, humanity – 'worldly troubles' ['according to the flesh']
- D. It is oriented towards concerns that are of this world as opposed to concerns of heaven – 'worldly things' ['of this world' things]
- E. It is self-centered rather than God-centered – 'worldly sorrow' ['sorrow of this world' — as opposed to 'godly sorrow']
- F. It is earthly rather than heavenly – 'the worldly tabernacle'

A working definition:

Something is worldly when it belongs to the affairs of life on this earth, especially as opposed to the life of the spirit or of heaven.

II. Titus 2.12

^{NAU} Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

A. Preceding context:

1. Instructions for the older men (2.2)
2. Instructions for the older women (2.3)
3. Instructions for the younger women (2.4-5)
4. Instructions for the younger men (2.6)

5. Instructions for Titus himself (2.7-8)
 6. Instructions for bondslaves (2.9-10)
- B. The connection of Titus 2.11 with the preceding verses
1. “For” = a rationale or reason underlying the preceding instructions
 2. The reason for changed lives is the appearance of God’s grace
- C. The function of God’s grace in the lives of believers (2.12)
1. Instructing us (child-training)
 2. Negatively, a denial
 - a. Of ungodliness
 - 1) Rm 1.18
 - 2) Rm 11.26
 - 3) 2 Tim 2.16
 - 4) Jude 15
 - 5) Jude 18
 - b. Of worldly desires
 3. Positively, to live a particular kind of life
 - a. Sensibly [only here; references are words with same root]
 - 1) Mk 5.15
 - 2) Lk 8.35
 - 3) Ac 26.25
 - 4) Rm 12.3
 - 5) 2 Cor 5.13
 - 6) 1 Ti 2.9
 - 7) 1 Ti 2.15
 - 8) 1 Ti 3.2
 - 9) 2 Ti 1.7
 - 10) Titus 1.8
 - 11) Titus 2.2, 4, 5, 6

12) 1 Pt 4.7

b. Righteously

1) Lk 23.41

2) 1 Co 15.34

3) 1 Th 2.10

4) 1 Pt 2.23

c. Godly

1) 2 Ti 3.12