Are You Worldly Minded?
What is Worldliness?

• Mindset with little interest in spiritual matters
  – Does not think in terms of eternity

I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind – Ecclesiastes 1:14
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. – Romans 12:2
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• Friendship
  – Compromising values to maintain close ties
  • Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? (4:5)

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. – James 4:4
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• Love
  – Of the flesh
  – Of the eyes
  – Vaunting of Life

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. – I John 2:15
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The Mindset of Comfortably Fitting in with the Values and Standards of Those not Associated with Godliness
The Problem of *Partial Conversion*

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    - Anything less leads to spiritual stress and strain
    - Nothing is secular for a Christian

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. – Galatians 5:17
An Important Irony

- John 17
  - Apostles taken **out** of world to stay **in** the world
    - Minds transformed from worldly to spiritual by truth
    - Cared for by God

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I can go into all the world when all the world is out of me!

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Current Crises in the Present Can Blind to Eternity
Ease of the Age Can Dull Us to the Need for God
Myth of own Intelligence Prevents Turning to Christ
To Rid Ourselves of Worldly Mindedness, Our Citizenship Must be in Heaven