

THE WORLD AND THE BATTLE OF THE MIND

THE THREE ENEMIES OF CHRISTIANS ARE

- The Flesh (in term of temptation to sin)
- Satan
- the World

Ecclesiastes 8:11-13 (KJV)

¹¹ Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

John 16:33 (KJV)

*³³ These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. **In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.***

Revelation 3:21 (KJV)

²¹ To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

It is possible for us to be overcomers as Jesus overcome the world.

What is the spiritual truth behind this Scripture?

- Jesus came to earth as a man just like us
- He was tempted just as we are tempted just like us
- He overcame with the resources that He offered us – (the Holy Spirit)

This gives us faith to believe that we can also face and overcome temptations, struggles, tribulations, trials, opposition, ridicules, critics and everything that the devil will use anyone or any situation to let us fall.

He was God but He limited himself to become just like us so that he can be our forrunner.

Satan could not have any power over Jesus because he has nothing of the world in him.

WHAT IS THE WORLD?

There is a lack of understanding as the world being an enemy to Christians

1. When we talk about the world,
 - we are not talking about people
 - and we are not talking about earth

1 John 2:15-17 (KJV)

¹⁵ Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

*¹⁶ For all that is in the world, **the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life,** is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

¹⁷ And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

THE WORLD IS A SYSTEM WITH ITS VALUES

Romans 12:2 (KJV)

² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

THIS IS WHAT CHRISTIANITY IS ALL ABOUT

God's ultimate purpose is to transform us from the image of Adam that we bear in our character that we all born with (that makes us jealous, bitter, tell lies, hate others, unforgiving others) to the image and the character of Jesus Christ.

If you want to be transformed and to have Jesus' character, you must:

- ***not be conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,***

What is being worldly?

When we say someone is worldly, what comes to our mind is the way the person dress, or put on make-ups

According to this verse (Romans 12:2), **worldliness is in our mind.**

Worldliness is a set of value system we have in our mind which influences many things in our lives.

It may influence:

- your behavior, your conduct, the way you dress, the place you choose to live,
- the school you choose to go, the work you choose to do

It depends on the value systems we have in our mind.

THE WORLD WANTS TO INFLUENCE OUR MIND

Matthew 22:37 (KJV)

³⁷ *Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.***

Becareful, there is a mind battle that you have to win

Romans 7:22-25 (KJV)

²² *For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:*

²³ ***But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.***

²⁴ *O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

²⁵ ***I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.***

Satan's greatest battle is to win your mind, if he wins your mind, he had won you.

That is why it's so important to make sure that the value system in your mind is not of the value system of the world.

Devil uses worldly values to capture the mind

Romans 8:5-8 (KJV)

⁵ *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*

⁶ ***For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.***

⁷ ***Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.***

⁸ ***So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.***

You have to change your value system to heaven value system that's how you overcome the world.

**Tell the holy spirit that you want to live in the world with heaven's value system and he will do that.
THAT'S WHY JESUS COULD SAY SATAN HAS NOTHING IN HIM**

BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF WORLDLINESS

Beware of the Leaven of Herod

Mark 8:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ *And he charged them, saying, **Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.***

What is the leaven of Herod?

Mark 6:22 (KJV)

²² *And when **the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.***

Herod likes listening to John and enjoys seeing the daughter of Herodias dancing immoral dance at the same time

The leaven of Herod is worldliness.

The devil is not disturbed to see Christians who sit in the church but live according to the value system of this world. That's exactly what he wants and he is not afraid of them because Satan knows they cannot overcome him.

How do we live our daily lives? How do we get world value system?

From the time we were born we acquired a certain value system in the world through:

- what we see, the way people behave around us, traditions, culture
- from our parents, from school, from media (TV, Radio, News Papers, Internet)

This sense of value is from the world.

That's why is so important for the parents to teach the children the value system from heaven.

Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

⁶ *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

Ask the Holy Spirit to change your worldly value system to heavenly value system.

Jesus never had bad mood, because he has heaven's value system.

In heaven no one:

- has bad moods
- no one is discouraged in heaven
- no one is depressed
- no one is obsess and loses their temper

Why can't we live like that?

It because of our value system, we think certain things are very valuable which Heaven doesn't consider to be valuable and a lot of things that heaven consider to be important that we don't consider.

Three things in the world that people want:

1. Money

Is money your servant or your master?

The love of money is the root of all evil

The devil controlling everything in the world with money

- Education – school – only the rich can get a good education
- Hospitals – people want to become doctors to make money

If does not determine the decision you take but money determine the decision you take then you know who is your master.

There is nothing wrong

2. Sex – illegitimate sex is such a tremendous force

Flee immorality otherwise you will fall and the world will have hold of you

Sister, do you dress to attract men?

3. Power

People want power to control others. The desire to control others

In the world there is lust in people's heart to be visible

- they want to be seen,
- they want to be known
- they want to be recognized
- they want to be honored
- they want to be respected
- they want people to know their name

Philippians 3:7-8 (KJV)

⁷ *But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.*

⁸ *Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,*

Translation

Christ has shown me that what I once thought was valuable is worthless.

Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

I have given up everything else and count it all as garbage.

All I want is Christ.

Don't allow the spirit of worldliness to get into you.