

WARNINGS of Worldliness

[1 John 2:15](#) 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. 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.

[James 4:4](#) "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

[Exd 20:14](#) "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

1 John 3:4 "...for sin is the transgression of the law."

[Gal 5:19](#) "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

"It is the unbelief, the worldliness, unconsecration, and strife among the Lord's professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years."-- Evangelism 696

"Satan is the leader of the worldly." Our High Calling 80

"Intense worldliness has been one of Satan's most successful temptations. He designs to keep the minds and hearts of men so completely filled with worldly attractions that there will be no room for heavenly things. He controls the minds of men in their love of the world." Manuscript Releases Volume Sixteen : Page 115

"If we are constantly thinking of and struggling for the things that pertain to this life, we cannot keep our thoughts fixed on the things of heaven. Satan is seeking to lead our minds away from God, and to center them on the fashions, the customs, and the demands of the world, which bring disease and death. . . ." Our High Calling 79

[1 Cor 10:31](#) Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

"The words, the dress, and the actions should tell for God... The people of God should not imitate the fashions of the world. Some have done this, and are fast losing the peculiar, holy character which should distinguish them as God's people. They give the lie to their profession. They think they are not like the world, but they are so near like them in dress, in conversation, and in actions, that there is no distinction between them... Then a holy influence will be shed upon all, and all will take knowledge of them, that they have been with Jesus. Unbelievers will see that faith in Christ's coming affects the character." "[Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald-1884](#)" Article 10:

"Many of these professed Christians dress, talk and act like the world, and the only thing by which they may be known, is their profession. Though they profess to be looking for Christ, their conversation is not in heaven, but on worldly things." Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald-1852 Article 1

"Association with worldliness in musical lines is looked upon as harmless by some Sabbathkeepers. But such ones are on dangerous ground. Thus Satan seeks to lead men and women astray, and thus he has gained control of souls. So smooth, so plausible is the working of **the enemy that his wiles are not**

suspected, and many church members become lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.” – 5
Manuscript Release 193

“The once earnest Christian who takes part in worldly amusements is on dangerous ground.” MYP 388

“Every faculty is injured. The affections become depraved, and the whole heart becomes, through improper reading, even among our people, deceitful in practice, fictitious in life and character, living and acting a lie.”— 6 Manuscript Release 260

“The Lord has been greatly dishonored by His people's catching up the issues that arise in this time of test and trial. His people are to keep free from politics. They are to stand as a separate, peculiar people; the name of God our Ruler is to be in their foreheads, showing to all that He is their sovereign.” -- Ms 1, 1897, p. 7.

“Christians who connect themselves with worldly associations are injuring themselves as well as misleading others.” RH Aug 25, 1910

“When we voluntarily place ourselves in an atmosphere of worldliness and unbelief, we displease God and drive holy angels from our homes.” Patriarchs and Prophets: Page 156

“There are many who are absorbed in worldly business, and they do not give the Lord that devotion which is essential for their spiritual improvement. They tax brain, bone, and muscle to the uttermost, and gather to themselves burdens which lead them to forget God.” Our High Calling 221

“The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God--candidates for heaven.” Maranatha 240

“If worldliness is allowed to come in, if we have no desire to pray, no desire to commune with Him who is the source of strength and wisdom, the Spirit will not abide with us.” Our High Calling 154

“We can separate many from Christ by worldliness, lust, and pride.” Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers : Page 457

“To those who are selfish, worldly, avaricious, proud, faultfinding, or given to detraction--to all who are cherishing errors and defects of character--Satan presents the indulgence of self, and leads the soul off upon a track that the Bible condemns. .” Our High Calling 88

“No man can even once devote his God-given powers to the service of worldliness or pride without placing himself on the enemy's ground. . . . Every repetition of the sin weakens his power of resistance, blinds his eyes, and stifles conviction. . . . “ Our High Calling 160

“The work of overcoming is not restricted to the age of the martyrs. The conflict is for us in these days of subtle temptation to worldliness, to self-security, to indulgence of pride, covetousness, false doctrines, and immorality of life.” Our High Calling 353

“The third angel's message must yet work like leaven upon the hearts of many that profess to believe it; pride, selfishness, covetousness, and love of the world must be subdued. Jesus is soon coming; and he will” acknowledge as his none but those who have been purified and made white, and who have kept

themselves separate, unspotted from the world." ["Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald-1884"](#)
Article 10:

"We can overcome. Yes; fully, entirely. Jesus died to make a way of escape for us, that we might overcome every fault, resist every temptation, and sit down at last with Him in His throne" Our High Calling 353

"Let the time hitherto devoted to idleness, frivolity, worldliness, be spent in **gaining a knowledge of the Scriptures**, in beautifying our life, and blessing and ennobling the life and character of others. This work will meet the approval of God, and win for us the heavenly benediction of "Well done." Our High Calling 187

"The only way in which the Christian will be able to keep himself unspotted from worldly influence will be by searching the Scriptures and by obeying the Word of God to the very letter." Our High Calling 204

"Conformity to the world can be prevented by the truth, by feeding on the Word of God, by its principles circulating through the entire life current and working out that word in the character" MS 37, 1896

"The Lord sends us warning, counsel, and reproof, that we may have opportunity to correct our errors before they become second nature. But if we refuse to be **corrected**, God does not interfere to counteract the tendencies of our own course of action. He works no miracle that the seed sown may not spring up and bear fruit." Our High Calling 160

"How are we to overcome? As Christ overcame. He **prayed to His heavenly Father**; we can do the same, and that is the only way. Then, we are to overcome something, for it is stated that those who shall see Him in His beauty shall be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing." Manuscript Releases Volume Nine: Page 76

"In itself, the **beauty of nature** leads the soul away from sin and worldly attraction, and toward purity, peace, and God." Ms 153, 1903, pp. 50, 51.

"He who overcomes must watch... We are to keep close to the side of Christ, walking in the path of self-denial and self-sacrifice... we must have the grace of Christ and the impartation of His Spirit. . . ." Our High Calling 132

"Christ invites all to come to Him, but when they come, they are to **lay aside their sins**. All their vices and follies, all their pride and worldliness, are to be laid at [the foot of] His cross." Manuscript Releases Volume Fifteen : Page 253

"You cannot love Him while copying the fashions of the world or enjoying **worldly society**." --Letter 238, 1907.

"He who accepts Christ is to conform to the mind and will of Christ. By a changed life He is to show that the truth has changed his heart and mind. He is not to try to meet the world's standard, nor his own, but the standard of God's Word, which is truth." Manuscript Releases Volume Nineteen Page 157

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 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" (Rom. 12:1, 2).

Those who are least bound up with worldly ideas, are the most separate from display and vanity and pride and love of promotion, who stand forth as His peculiar people, zealous of good works -- to these He will reveal the meaning of His word.--Letter 60, 1898

“...choose you this day whom ye will serve...” Joshua 24:15

“Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.” Amos 4:12