

Know What You Know

Week 9: What in the World!

Sunday, July 7, 2024

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever."

1 John 2:15–17 (NIV)

1. Love.

A. _____.

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:13 (NIV)

B. _____.

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other."

Matthew 6:24a (NIV)

"...don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God."

James 4:4 (NIV)

2. The World: _____.

A. Physical world.

* _____.

"...The creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time."

Romans 8:21–22 (NLT)

* _____.

"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare."

2 Peter 3:10 (NIV)

B. Spiritual world: _____.

"...without hope and without God in the world."

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV)

"Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. ¹⁹ They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity."

Ephesians 4:18–19 (NLT)

* **Lust** – _____.

C. Relational world: Self-_____.

3. _____.

"And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?"

Matthew 16:26 (NLT)

4. Keeping the _____ world in perspective.

* **There are things intended for our** _____.

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

* **Let creation lead to** _____.

"The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. ² Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. ³ They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. ⁴ Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world."

Psalms 19:1–4a (NLT)

Action Step(s): _____
