

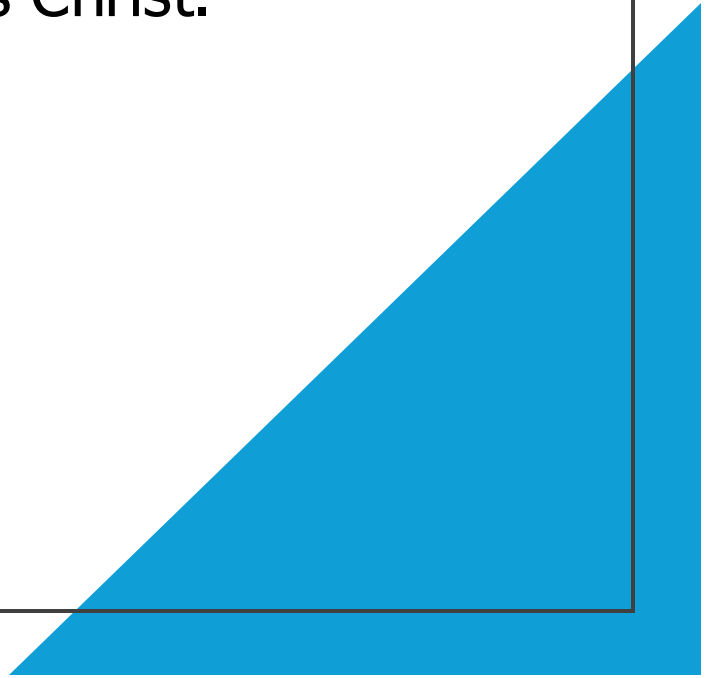
Respectable Sins

The Sin of Worldliness

Selected Scriptures
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Theme:

“Because Worldliness opposes God, believers must reject it and yearn to be satisfied with the beauty and the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.”





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A. Worldliness – What it Means

Aion (αἰών) – Age, era, or temporal world

Kosmos (κόσμος) – World

- The Ordered Universe (Acts 17:24)
 - The Earth (John 1:10a-b)
 - The people of the world (John 1:10c; 3:16)
 - The world system that is opposed to God (James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17)
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“Worldliness is a preoccupation with the things of this temporal life. It is the accepting and *going along* with the values and practices of society around us without discerning if they are biblical.”

Jerry Bridges

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B. Worldliness – Why It Must Be Rejected (1 John 2:15-17)

1. It is Incompatible with Love for God (15)
 2. It is Rooted in the World (16)
 - a. Lust of the Flesh – *'the illicit appetites of our fallen human nature'*
 - b. Lust of the Eyes – *'desiring what you see, even when you know it is forbidden'*
 - c. The Boastful Pride of life - *'our own prideful estimation of ourselves'*
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- C. Worldliness – What It Must Be Replaced With

- A growing love for our Lord Jesus Christ

(Matt. 13:46; John 1:1-4,29; 15:11; Phil. 3:8; Psalm 16:11; Heb. 1:1-14; Col. 1:13-18)



Small Group Discussion

1. What are some questions you can ask yourself, that will help you determine if something is worldly?
 2. What are some takeaways / action points from the series on 'Respectable Sins'?
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