

Worldliness

by Vance Havner

The sermon emphasizes the importance of separating from the world's values and desires to follow Jesus' example and live a life of holiness and righteousness.

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Scripture: John 17:14

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Description

Vance Havner addresses the concept of worldliness in his sermon, emphasizing the teachings of John 17, where Jesus speaks about the relationship between believers and the world. He highlights the need for Christians to be sanctified and to find joy in their separation from worldly influences, while also cautioning against the extremes of isolation and conformity. Havner points out that true believers are not of the world, and he encourages the church to maintain its distinctiveness in a society that often values worldly success over spiritual integrity. He warns against the dangers of loving the world and urges Christians to reflect on their associations and priorities.

Transcript

We turn to John 17, and I don't think I've ever heard anybody ever use that chapter to talk about worldliness. But John says more about the world than anybody else in the Bible. You'd be amazed if you go through the Gospels.

And in this chapter, he gives us, of course, this. In Acts, verse 2, we'll read the middle. In which thou hast given me, Holy Father, none of whom is lost, but the saints.

That they might have my joy. Sanctify them through thy fruit. Into the world.

For their sakes. We have two extremes today on this business of separation. We have some people who live to where they can.

Then we have others who can use the scriptures. Fear the Lord, serve not. You can do that if I have worldly Christians, they're called, which is a wrong statement.

Somebody who's convinced of the Lord. The sheep may fall into him. Jesus said, my sheep, hear my voice.

We need to brush up on our beliefs. Speaking of false teachers. But it's very expressive.

And it's a perfect image. We're not to judge people, of course. Birds of a feather flock together.

Where you feel at home is where you belong. The Bible says we know we've found Peter and John. When Peter got out of jail, you naturally grabbed.

That if we'd loved this world, we'd walk the course. He says in verse 3, the church is the house. This world is not your race.

Here have we no continuing sin. The next time this world offers you, well they must have. Then they all sat down.

I know you've been saved out of it now. We have. But we have the old mystics back in the caves.

I think Paul did. He must have prayed to the sinners. He was criticized.

But he was criticized by the Pharisees who were such. He associated. They are not of the world.

Same thing here. And be not conformed. And you get all the connections.

Love not the world. But look how much world. For all these worldly things.

These evil desires. Making a living is worldliness. If that's all.

Anything. If it's all you do is a neglect. The musical term.

There's no harm. Choose a lack. Candle Morgan says.

And even in evangelicals. Alexander McClatchy. The world cannot hate you.

But me it hates. If the world. You can be respected.

You can be a success. This. My.

Therefore the world thinks you're pretty good. Candle Morgan says. The world.

The major in which the world. The major in which world. You remember a year or so ago.

The cure. Dr. Billy Graham said that. Many of our young people.

The other is to build a youth program. The church is not a recreation. And then finally my lord said.

As I was thinking into the world. Even. We are different.

He wouldn't go to the junior scene. Two years later I was. Nobody ever got saved.

The other day I heard of a chap who was. You just might shake the world. But he.

Paisley Fleming. The champion girl. Cut out just about everything else.

Rigid. Discipline. After they asked all of them.

I said now. Let me ask one. I said I know.

The thing I noticed in all. It's all they walk along with dancing. Walk along with this.

Walk along with. How much like the Lord. In separation.

Then I bid farewell. To the way of the world. Oh my soul.

Then I bid farewell.

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