

LISTENER GUIDE

What in the World Do You Want?

by Pastor Crawford Lorritts (True Woman '10)

Text: 1 John 2:15–17

Church Survey—Top Five Women's Issues:

1. Keeping up with the _____.
2. The “_____?” syndrome.
3. Comparing _____ with other women.
4. Being _____.
5. Struggling with _____ and _____ for our husbands.

How should we relate to the world around us?

1. Don't _____ it.
2. See it for _____ it is.
3. Live your _____.

Agapé—God's uncommon, unconditional, supernatural love.

Don't give the world the same kind of love that only God deserves. And don't expect from the world the lasting contentment and acceptance that only God can give to you.

“Do not love the world or the things in the world” (1 John 2:15). What does he mean by that?

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- The _____ and the _____ are not to be worshipped.
- We are _____ of the earth, but we don't make it our god.
- Don't worship the creation; worship the _____.

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- The aggregate appeal of this world's system. It is not a _____ environment (Eph. 2:2)
- The pleasures and pursuits that compete for our hearts. Worldliness has to do with where your _____ affection is. What gives you joy?
- The things of this world that _____ us intentionally from God.

Worldliness has to do with a drift in the heart, not what we say but how we really live—what defines our joy and wellbeing.

It's what we subconsciously worship. The flipside is that God doesn't want us to retreat from the world.

Be in the world and not of the world (see John 17:15–16).

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What's the answer?

Spiritual Tension: God has called us to engage our culture, to be salt and light, to make a difference. He has not called us to go out there without our protective suits on. So we go in the power of the Holy Spirit to impact our culture and our moment in history.

Worldliness:

Anything in your life that causes you to lose the _____ of the Father's love or your _____ to do the Father's will is worldly.

How Do We Overcome Worldliness?

Three questions to ask ourselves:

- The _____ Question—Why do I want this?
- The _____ Question—Does what I want consume me? Does it control me? Does it change me?
- The _____ Question—Am I clean?

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