

John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Titus 1:2

Ephesians 3:6

Attitudes Toward The World

James 1:19-27

The Term "World"

- ◇ The physical world (*earth, water, air, etc*)
 - ◇ Nahum 1:5; 2 Pet 3:9,10
- ◇ The human world (*made up of people*)
 - ◇ John 3:16
- ◇ The world in a moral sense
 - ◇ 2 Pet 1:4; Tit 2:12; Rom 12:2; 1 Jn 2:15
 - ◇ *Things that attract us away from God*

Practical Faith

- ◇ Overcomes trials – James 1:2-3
- ◇ Endures temptation – James 1:12
- ◇ Obedient – James 1:19-27
- ◇ Is not prejudiced – James 2:1
- ◇ Is living & active – James 2:21-26
- ◇ Controls the tongue – James 3
- ◇ Trusts God & prays – James 4-5

An Individual Responsibility

- ◇ Not written as instruction to local churches, but to individuals
 - ◇ Bridle your tongue; control yourself
 - ◇ Don't be deceived; look in God's mirror; be a doer, not just a hearer
 - ◇ Personally take up the cause of orphans and widows; the less fortunate
 - ◇ Learn to control your thoughts, watch what you say, be careful of what you do...

Unspotted

- ◇ Guard your heart (Prov. 4:23; 23:7)
 - ◇ A person's affections, desires, motives, attitudes; encompasses who a person is
 - ◇ Desire the milk of the word (1 Pet. 2:2, 11)
 - ◇ Seek God's wisdom (Jas. 3:13-18)
 - ◇ Submit to God (Jas. 4:4-8)
- ◇ Maintain inward and outward purity
 - ◇ (2 Cor. 6:14 - 7:1; 1 Pet. 1:13-21)

What You Say

- ◇ Realize the power of the tongue (Matt. 12:34-35)
 - ◇ There is much speech in our world that can be condemned
 - ◇ If one doesn't control his tongue, he is deceived and his religion is vain (Jas. 1:26)
- ◇ Gain the wisdom to know how, what, and when to speak (Eccl. 3:7; Col 4:6)

What You Do

- ◇ The media – Matt. 15:19; Acts 19:19
- ◇ Modesty – 1 Tim. 2:9-10; 1 Pet. 3:4
- ◇ Sexual relations – Heb. 13:4; Matt. 19:1-9
- ◇ The works of the flesh – Gal. 5:19-21
 - ◇ Social drinking
 - ◇ Drugs
 - ◇ Dancing

Pure And Undeclared Religion

◇ Religion must be identified first with God (Prov. 9:10; Job 28:28)

◇ We are to look into God's mirror and

The right religion
◇ is the right attitude towards
God and His word.

11:1-12:1

