

Avoid Entanglement with the World

What are you thinking?!

Bible Minded Beware. Think NOT as the world thinks. That is to say that we should not agree with the world or permit ourselves to appear as though we agree with the world. It is easy to become caught up in what the world is doing or expecting of us. Popular television programs, movies, social business functions, books, internet are all filled with worldly views and aspirations. When these things are so important that you need to participate or become a spectator of those things or share those things with others, then you have been caught up in the world. When the things of this world, take you away from time in the Bible, i.e., reading, studying, teaching, preaching, then you can be certain that your choices have taken you away from the instructions, and admonitions, reproofs, corrections, instructions of the LORD, and yes even prayer time and worship and praise.

2 Timothy 3

¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine [instruction], for reproof [conviction], for correction [rectifying our lives], for instruction [training, education] in righteousness [equity, justification]:

¹⁷ That the man of God [saints] may be perfect [fresh, complete], thoroughly furnished [completely equipped] unto all good works [labor and toil in ministry].

Bible Minded Beware. Think not that good works are worldly deeds. There is nothing of the world that is good. If you think to argue with that truth, then you are caught up in the world and you do err according to the Scriptures. No longer are His Words your inspiration and no longer are you inspired to minister to others God's good Works. As we become entangled with the world, inspiration fades and so does our ability to please God!

2 Timothy 2

⁴ **No man that warreth entangleth [involves] himself with the affairs of this life;** that he may **please Him [THE LORD GOD]** who hath **chosen** him to be a soldier.

God has disclosed His thoughts to us and intends, according to His purpose, that those thoughts become our thoughts. His thoughts are profitable for direction in accomplishing the Works of God through our lives if we are submissive unto the Will of God.

2 Corinthians 10

⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

⁵ **Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

⁶ And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

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Bible Minded Beware. Think not that knowledge and even understanding of the Scriptures makes you exempt from being entangled and even participant in thoughts and traditions and even the generally accepted ways or established concepts or RUDIMENTS of the world.

Colossians 2

⁸ Beware lest any man spoil you through PHILOSOPHY and VAIN DECEIT, after the TRADITION OF MEN, after the **RUDIMENTS** [order, arrangement, determination] of the world, and NOT after Christ.

Hold on to biblical thoughts of God to remain Bible Minded.