

ARE YOU A WORLD-CLASS CHRISTIAN OR A WORLDLY CHRISTIAN?

Dear Friend,

I John 2:15 says, “Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.” It is so easy to love the world, isn’t it? “The world” is the music, entertainment, material goods, job, money, and a few dozen other things the world has to offer. It’s so easy to love the world. We see the physical world, but we cannot see with our eyes the spiritual world. How much “stock” does Jesus say we should put in the world; how much should we love it? ZERO.

You should not be a worldly Christian, but you should be a world-class Christian. Matthew 6:23-34 is a great scripture foundation that talks about putting no stock in this world. How do you become a world-class Christian? First, shift from self-centered thinking to others-centered thinking. The world says, “Put yourself first, you’re #1.” God says we must be a servant to others. Second, shift from “here and now” thinking to eternal thinking. Our life would be much more God focused if we often asked ourselves the question, “What I am about to say yes to or what I am about to do, will it make a difference in my eternity.” If the answer is NO, then re-evaluate whether it needs done or not. The third way to become a world-class Christian is to shift from local thinking to global thinking. God is a global God, and we need to become global thinkers. Pray for specific countries and their leaders. Become a friend of someone NOT American at birth (not born in the U.S.). Eventually, learn about their spiritual life, share Jesus. Give financially to missions. Pray for more people to become missionaries from around the world, especially the U.S. A few years ago, I heard a sad statistic: there are more fulltime Christian workers in Chicago, Illinois, than there are missionaries in the world. Pray for more missionaries from every country in the world!

The decision is yours... will you be a world-class Christian or a worldly Christian?

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayers: Allyssa Gessler, Melvin Burdette (shut-in of the month), Anna Louise Beaver

Events: Church Potluck – Sunday, October 30th after church. You don’t want to miss out on good food and great fellowship.