

RESPECTABLE SINS  
*Confronting the Sins we Tolerate*

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Tonight, we want to return again to the theme of *worldliness* in our study of *Respectable Sins*. Through our message tonight, we want to see the final two examples which show us how we tolerate worldliness in our lives.

**REVIEW**

We know that the term worldliness will mean different things to different people. To some it means the rejection of modern living conveniences and to others it speaks to a list of prohibitions that if kept will keep them from such a sin. Yet, we know that this falls short of a ...

**BIBLICAL EXPLANATION**

Passages like 1 John 2:15-16, Colossians 3:1-3, Matthew 6:18-24, and 1 Corinthians 7:31 show us that worldliness is as much about our \_\_\_\_\_ as it is about our actions.

From these passages we considered a two fold definition of worldliness:

**Primary Definition** which says that worldliness is “being attached to, \_\_\_\_\_ in or preoccupied with the things of this temporal life.”

**Secondary Definition** which says we “accept the values, mores, and practices of the nice, but unbelieving, society around us without \_\_\_\_\_ whether or not those values, mores, and practices are \_\_\_\_\_.”

**PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

There are three basic illustrations used by Bridges to help us see worldliness in our lives: money, immorality, and idolatry.

**Money**

- 1 Timothy 6:10 tells us that “the \_\_\_\_\_ of money is the root of all evil.”
- It is common in our culture to “\_\_\_\_\_ the money”.

- This has led to the “buy now pay later” mentality which is \_\_\_\_\_ many families.
- It has led to a decline in \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord and His service within the church.

**Immorality**

- We condemn immorality openly, yet we secretly condone it which Bridges calls \_\_\_\_\_ **immorality**.
- Seen in our love for all things \_\_\_\_\_ and in our \_\_\_\_\_ in dress.

***A Christian View of Modesty***

A Christian’s view of modesty is more than an issue of \_\_\_\_\_. It is an issue of the \_\_\_\_\_. There are two basic questions that we ought to ask:

1. Is it Modest?
2. Is it Appropriate

**Modesty** refers to the fact that our dress does not draw attention to certain features which can be a source of temptation to the opposite sex. Remember young ladies ...

- The way you win the heart of a man is what you will need to \_\_\_\_\_ his heart.
- God expects you to reserve yourself for the one man He ordained to be your husband; therefore, you do not have the right to \_\_\_\_\_ away what does not belong to you: visually or physically.

**Appropriate** refers to considering our dress in accordance to what we are doing and ask is that appropriate for the occasion.

**Idolatry**

- Yet we fall short and become worldly when we allow anything or anyone take a \_\_\_\_\_ place of importance than God.
- Could be career, vacations, hobbies, sports, etc.
- What is more important that worshipping the Lord? What is given higher priority?
- If God is not \_\_\_\_\_ then in reality we are being worldly!