

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."
(Jude 3)



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Sunday Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday worship: 10:15am

Sunday afternoon: 1:00pm

Tuesday ladies' class: 10:00am

Wednesday bible study: 7:00pm

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here.

AM sermon: Withdraw From the Disorderly-Luke Puckett
AM scripture reading 2 Thes 3:6-15

PM sermon: Principles of Church Growth-Luke Puckett
PM scripture reading Acts 9:26-31

WORLDLINESS by W.R. Jones

“Worldliness” as set forth in the New Testament is **any conduct or thought that is hostile or antagonistic toward God**. John wrote, *“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him”* (1 John 2:15). It is just this simple; when one of God’s children engages in or longs for anything in this world which is hostile or antagonistic toward God, then he is guilty of worldliness! And let me add, when a child of God is “soft” in attitude toward things that are hostile or antagonistic toward God, you may be sure he is being overtaken by the spirit of worldliness. The Christian is supposed to be able to discern between good and evil and in so doing he is admonished to **hate evil**. We are surrounded by evil in this world, and if we are not careful we become so influenced that we decide sin is not so bad and we fail to see it as hostility toward God.

But, how can we determine what is right and what is wrong? You can’t if you are guided by human wisdom. You can if you are guided by God’s Word. The next time you are trying to decide what is right and what is wrong regarding a practice, ask yourself the following questions.

IF I DO THIS WILL IT MAKE ME LOOK WORLDLY? Read Romans 12:1-2. In other words, if I do this will I appear before others as a devoted Christian or a person of the world? If it will make you look worldly, then you can’t afford to do it.

IF I DO THIS WILL IT LEAVE ME WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE? Read Romans 14:23. If what you are doing, or what you are about to do, can not be done with a clear conscience, then you had better leave it alone, unless you want to be condemned.

IF I DO THIS WILL IT LIKELY HAVE A WEAKENING INFLUENCE UPON OTHERS? Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-33, 8:7-13; Matt. 18:6-7. If your conduct is likely to weaken others and lead them astray, you better not engage in that thing, unless you want damnation.

IF I DO THIS WILL IT PRODUCE IN ME AN INORDINATE FLESHLY APPETITE? Read Colossians 3:5-6. An inordinate fleshly appetite is one that is unrestrained or out of control. In other words, if I partake of this, am I likely to lose proper control of my thoughts and my actions and act unbecoming to a Christian?

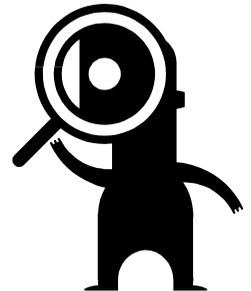
IF I DO THIS WILL IT BRING ME UN-DER THE WEAKENING INFLUENCE OF EVIL COMPANIONS? Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. God’s Word teaches us that “evil company corrupts good morals.” Let us beware!

I challenge you to put your practices to the test! Brethren, if you truly want to please God, you will not do those things that are hostile toward him. Think!

Bible question: Who stole 1,100 pieces of silver from his mother?

Last week’s answer: Claudius Lysias (Acts 23:25-30)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Helen Tidwell, Peggy Newsome, Clemmie Black



Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ruby Arnett (Heritage Manor nursing home in Mayfield Room 307)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ J.D. Lamb (Fern Terrace)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ Delbert Newsome
- ⇒ Marilyn Dvorak (friend of Bob and Susanna, has esophagus cancer)
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Jim Pool (member at Green Plain)
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison Berry (friend of Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Remember the family of Walter Pigg (passed away last week)
- ⇒ Sue Lax

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Hyland Darnell (3rd)
- ⇒ Linda Jones (6th)

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Reading plan (1st, 2nd, and 3rd John)
- ⇒ Team 1 meets today
- ⇒ Senior Luncheon (2-9-14)

Pantry item

- ⇒ Crackers

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe the Word
(John 8:24)

Repent
(Luke 13:3)

Confess Christ
(Rom 10:10)
(Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

Remain Faithful
(Rev 2:10)
(Acts 8:12-24)

Heaven can be your
home if you obey
God!
(Heb 5:8-9)



WITHDRAW FROM THE DISORDERLY (2Tim 3:6-15)

In our reading what, was the issue with the church at Thessalonica? _____
Because of this what were they called? _____

1. We Can Have Nothing to do With Sin!

- a. Are we as Christians to avoid sin? _____ If so, what scriptures tell us this? _____
- b. In 1Corinthians what analogy does it use to show how sin will spread? _____

Notes: _____

2. We Can't Withdraw Without Attempting to Restore First.

- a. Why did Christ come to earth? _____
- b. Can "Christians" become lost again? _____
- c. Do they need to be restored? _____

Notes: _____

3. Restoring Those Who Have Sinned Against Us Personally.

- a. What are the steps to be taken if this happens, give scripture to support? _____
- b. Why do we do this? Is it to blame or restore? _____
- c. If our efforts to restore fail who do we take it to and what is the last step taken? _____

Notes: _____

4. We Can't Withdraw or Try to Restore Without Considering Ourselves First.

- a. Apply this to Matt 7:3-5 _____

5. What Happens If We Ignore This Command?

- a. Do we have love for the sinner? _____
- b. Do we have love for the church? _____
- c. Do we have love for Christ? _____
- d. Are we breaking the law of Christ and sinning ourselves? _____

Notes: _____

6. What Are The Steps Taken to Restore? _____