

“WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?”

EPHESIANS 4:17-19

Are you consistently scheduling heart exams with the Great Physician? Are you letting his spiritual scalpel probe its way into the secret compartments of your life? Are you inviting the omniscient One to test your motives and intents?

HOW TO WALK WORLDLY

① _____ Living (4:17b)

It's why the unbeliever, separated from God and hence devoid of any purpose in life, somehow attempts to inject some sort of meaning into his life through a variety of efforts.

Attempting to find purpose in anything/anyone on this earth is ultimately and utterly _____.

② _____ Thinking (4:18)

Darkened:

1) Perfect participle → _____ fixed

2) Passive voice → _____ fixed

Darkness is connected to one and only one entity (Romans 2:21; 2 Cor. 6:14-15; Eph. 6:12; Rev. 9:2; 16:10) – Satan and evil.

③ _____ Existence (4:18)

Ever since the fall of man, the unbeliever is alienated from the _____-life (John 3:36). Ultimately, he hates the things and people of God (John 15:18).

You must not give room for bitterness or anger to root itself in your heart when painful events and difficult circumstances crash into your life.

④ _____ Knowledge (4:18)

The unbeliever operates under a knowledge that is devoid of God. He may be “always learning,” but he is “never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Timothy 3:7).

Mind games are at play here:

1) *mind* (4:17) = Greek noun *nous*

2) *understanding* (4:18) = *dia* + *nous*

3) *ignorance* (4:18) = *ag* + *nous*

It's not enough to change wrong _____; it must start with wrong _____ (2 Cor. 10:5; Phil. 4:8-9).

Unlike the unbeliever, whose mind is _____ (2 Cor. 3:14) and _____ (2 Cor. 4:4); you have been given the mind of Christ (2 Cor. 2:16).

CONCLUSION

It's checkup time as you examine your life this morning for any hints of worldliness. Do not give worldliness a pad to land on or a runway to enter your heart. Instead, be on the watch! There's a world to reach for Christ. As you do, be in the world but not of the world.