

A THINKING OF CHRIST. 2 Corinthians 10:5

- ❖ We must bring “every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,” so we can avoid worldly habits that divert our minds from thinking of the truth.
- ❖ Philippians 4:8 helps us to understand which things we should think of.
- ❖ Our focus must be on Christ. We must surrender to Him every day, and He will harmonize our minds with His. When we think of His love, we will understand the true value of spiritual things over worldly ones.

B BIBLE STUDY. John 5:39.

- ❖ We can know Christ by His revelation in God’s Word.
- ❖ Worldliness involves getting things for us. That’s the opposite of what Jesus taught in His Word.

C PRAYER. Jude 1:20.

- ❖ Prayer is essential to our communion with Christ. There’s no communion or friendship without conversation. We must talk to God and listen to Him.
- ❖ What are the basic ingredients of prayer?
 - Pray with faith (Hebrews 11:6).
 - Continuous prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
 - Pray according to God’s will (1 John 5:14).

D SEEKING WISDOM. 1 Corinthians 3:19.

- ❖ There are wise people in this world, and Solomon was the wisest person on Earth (2 Chronicles 1:12). Nevertheless, Solomon almost lost eternal life despite that.
- ❖ What wisdom does God want us to acquire?
 - The fear of God (Job 28:28).
 - Observing the Law (Deuteronomy 4:6).
- ❖ We need that kind of wisdom to correctly understand the dangers of worldliness.

E THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. 1 John 4:5-6.

- ❖ If we are guided by the Holy Spirit, He teaches us to distinguish truth from false worldly error.
- ❖ He will lead us into all truth, He will show Jesus and He will help us to make the best decisions in this world.
- ❖ We won’t be driven by temporary emotions. We’ll live as ambassadors of God in this world.
- ❖ The Holy Spirit gives us the power to overcome this world’s lure and its “charm.”