

# **Trinity Bible Church**

**The Carpenter's House**

**June 24, 2012**

*The Message:  
The Things of the World  
1 John 2:15-17*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday June 24 Deacons' Meeting.  
Wednesday June 27 Parable of the Sower.  
Sunday July 1 The Lord's Table.  
Wednesday July 4 Picnic at Carle's.  
July 4 No class-Happy Fourth!

- \*\* The new chairs and the added security measures that were not covered by insurance were purchased from the building fund . If you would like to help restore it, please mark your check "building fund."
- \*\* If anyone would like to be baptized, please see Drue. We will try to set up a service this summer.
- \*\* The Carle's are having an informal picnic this July 4<sup>th</sup> at their house beginning around noon if you would like to join in the festivities, just show thyself.

	May	Total 2012	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 8,453.00	\$41,016.94		\$11,405.89	\$10,151.00
Expenses	8,498.20	43,278.22		Benevolence	6,621.00
Balance	(45.20)	(-2,261.28)	\$ 14,235.75	\$ 913.74	3,530.00

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

*Hymns*

*The Message:  
Being a Witness in the Last Days  
Endurance & Character  
James 5:11-12*

## F. Fellowship and the World. 2:15-17

### 1 John 2:15 = Spiritual Growth Excludes Love For The World

E.T./L.T. = Stop loving the world, or the things in the world. If anyone may love the world, the love of the Father is not in Him.

Principle: Loving the world shuts down \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father.

### 1 John 2:16 = Three Examples of Loving the World.

E.T./L.T. = For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of physical life is not from the Father, but is from the world.

Principle: We are to \_\_\_\_\_ the "things of the world."

### 1 John 2:17 = The Solution to Loving the World.

E.T./L.T. = and the world is passing away, and (also) its lusts; but the one who does the desire of God keeps on abiding forever.

Summary:

1. Time spent loving the things of the world misses out on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father's love.
2. Biological life is too \_\_\_\_\_ to spend it totally in pursuit of that which will also perish. Jas 4:13-17
3. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ about the "love of the world."
4. No matter the level of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ our attitude is tempted by worldly things.
  - A. Desires of the Sin Nature.
  - B. Wrongful desires for what is seen.
  - C. Arrogance that denies grace.
5. As a Believer, God's love never leaves (John 16:27), but we may miss out on its \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Worldliness is the attitude that the best life is found in \_\_\_\_\_ things.
7. Those who attain their worldly desires will never be \_\_\_\_\_ for long, so they must constantly be modified creating anxiety. Php 4:10-13
8. We must ask if anything in this world could replace the joy of \_\_\_\_\_ Him?
9. Only by knowing and living His desires will we ever have the \_\_\_\_\_ life.

Principle: Wisdom pursues that which has \_\_\_\_\_ values.

## *Endurance & Character*

### *James 5:11-12*

#### Jas 5:11 = The Point.

E.T./L.T. = Behold, we consider blessed those who endured circumstances. You have heard of the patience toward circumstances of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings that the Lord keeps on being full of compassion and is merciful.

#### Summary:

1. It is Christian to view with thanksgiving those who endured spiritually in the midst of pain.
2. It is "human" to view it with envy or disdain.
3. Job's life became synonymous with patience toward circumstances and people.
4. Yet his patience was not perfect, with circumstances, people or God.
5. Job, God's servant, was "sifted like wheat" by Satan.
6. Yet, God's compassion saw the need for examples to follow and eventually removed the pain and suffering.
7. Some things people mean for evil, God means for good. Gen 50:20

Principle: Believers who endure are great examples for others.

#### Jas 5:12 = Function In Honor.

E.T./L.T. = But prior to all things, my brethren, stop swearing, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.

#### Summary:

1. James is dealing with something that had become twisted by attorneys under the Mosaic Law and thus had become greatly abused.
2. They played word games to evade responsibility for the oaths they had taken. Matt 23:16-22
3. This is a command to avoid the phony displays of piety and let your honesty proceed from within via speech and actions. Matt 5:34-37
4. This too is an application of the Royal Law. Jas 2:8
5. Broken oaths are often an example of a lack of patience and complaining about one's circumstances or people.
6. Christlike people are patient, don't complain and make every effort to keep their word.
7. Failure to keep one's word brings judgment from God and man.

Principle: Character is more important than law in the last days.