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HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST IN AN ANGRY WORLD

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“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” -Romans 12:2

“We have lived with a God-given holiness and sincerity in all our dealings. We have depended on God’s grace, not on our own human wisdom.” -2 Corinthians 1:12

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the Lord. ‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’” -Isaiah 55:8-9

“Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” -1 Corinthians 1:20b

Four examples contrasting what the world says, and what God’s Word says.

1. The world says, “_____ are the driving force in everything.”

Jesus says, “My _____ matters more than anything else.”

“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.” -Ephesians 3:10

“And God placed all things, under his feet and appointed him (Christ) to be head over everything for the church.” -Ephesians 1:22

“I will build my church and the gates of hell will not overcome it.” -Matthew 16:18

“The church is not peripheral to the world, the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ’s body in which he speaks and acts, and by which he fills everything with his presence.” -Ephesians 1:23 (Message)

2. The world says, "We're going to _____ all your problems, and we're going to _____ the world."

Jesus says, "Only _____ can save you."

"Do not put your trust in princes, mortal men who cannot save." -Psalm 146:3

"Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes." -Jeremiah 17:5-6a

3. The world says, "Votes and money come by creating _____ and _____."

Jesus says this, "In my church, _____ gets priority over politics."

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called." -Ephesians 4:3-4

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought." -1 Corinthians 1:10

"Welcome with open arms, fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. Don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with." -Romans 14:1 (Message)

"Warn a divisive person once, then warn him a second time. And after that, have nothing to do with him. By persisting in divisiveness, he cuts himself off from fellowship." -Titus 3:10-11

4. The world says, "_____ matter more than _____."

God says, "The _____ are as important as the _____."

"A wise person's heart will lead in the right way, but the heart of a fool will always lead in the wrong way." -Ecclesiastes 10:2