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**Worldliness**

In this week's youth lesson, we defined worldliness as living for the physical, the present and the temporal. We learned that worldliness is not an action, but an attitude. While some activities are worldly in nature because of their strong appeal to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life (I John 2:15-17), other activities become worldly when my attitude towards them place them above God. There is nothing wrong with playing games on a computer, playing sports, having a hobby or working overtime, etc., but once my attitude towards such activity results in decisions that place the activity ahead of God or spiritual things, then the activity has become worldly.

Titus 2:11-12 reminds us, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;" You cannot live godly in this present world unless you are willing to deny worldly lusts. Too many Christians are trying to live with one foot in the world and one foot in the church. As a result, they are double minded and unstable in all their ways (James 1:8).

Haggai says, "Consider your ways." Think about your favorite hobby or activity. How much time do you spend on it each week and how does that compare with the time you spend reading, studying or memorizing the Word of God? What do your decisions say about your attitude? Are you guilty of being worldly?