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**“Where Your Treasure Is”**

 Have you ever heard the cliché; indecision is worse than no decision? I can’t say that I fully agree with that assessment. However, every decision that we have made, and will make as Christians does have a lasting effect on our lives!

**Words from Joshua**

“And if seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your father served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15 NKJV

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

 “…It is the work of Satan to destroy, and *the world is his great agent* to work along these lines. The worldling is ever on the alert, watching for a chance to criticize those who serve God. *Those who have not been transformed by the grace of Jesus Christ*, are filled with a complaining, querulous spirit toward the servants of Jesus.

 Many despise the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and if they can make it appear, that those who are striving to obey the commandments of God (in Christ’s power) are faulty, they strike an arrow at the people of God for the prince of accusers.

 The cruel thrusts of unbelievers will do little to harm if those who profess to be servants of Christ will stand true to his words, and be doers of the word, and not hearers only. The Christian is not to unite with false accusers of the brethren. He is not to take up reproach against his neighbor, or in any way to second the work of the enemy by playing into his hands, and making his work a success.

 The world must not be introduced into the church and married to the church (Remember the *medieval* church). Through union with the world the church will become corrupt. The customs of the world must not have a place; for they will open doors through which the prince of darkness will find access, and the line of demarcation will become indistinguishable between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not”[[1]](#footnote-1) (Italics supplied).

**Words from John**

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

I John 2:15, 16 KJV

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:19-21 KJV See also 6:33

**Where is your treasure?**

1. E. G. White. No Union Between the Church and the World, “The Advent Review &

 Sabbath Herald, Vol. 72, No. 9 Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 26, 1895. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)