



Lesson 112 Remove Worldly Traits

This week the Lord spoke of traits. He admonished us to **remove worldly traits**. Traits are those **distinguishing characteristics or qualities, that relate to a person's nature**. For example when Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote stories of the fictional character, Sherlock Holmes, Sherlock became easily distinguished by his logical mind. Therefore logic is a trait that can be found in Sherlock. Now whether logic is a worldly trait or a Godly trait, is really irrelevant to our discussion as Sherlock Holmes is of course a fictional being. We however, we are creations of the Most High God and as such the traits, the qualities, the characteristics of our being are all very important. They are important because we are representatives of the Most High God. They are important because the world should be able to see Him through us. In the words we received this week, the Lord said,

11/04/12 CT – **Honor, glory, faithfulness, relax, be at peace, remove worldly traits, dishonesty, selfishness, greed, lust, replace with love. My love as it fills all needs. I want to see a smile on your face, a light in your eyes. I want to see a reflection of Me. You can do this. It is much needed in the world today. The world lacks discipline. Can you be disciplined by getting rid of those worldly traits and replacing them with love? I know you can but it does take discipline of thought, motive and heart. That is all for now, go in peace.**

As a result of this message we should most assuredly endeavor to remove those worldly traits that separate us from the Lord. However the Lord said that it will take discipline, discipline of thought, discipline of motive and discipline of heart. But how do we begin to discipline ourselves? As we proceed forward through this lesson the Lord will guide us into His truths. He will guide us to the answer for this question.

Worldly Traits

So as we read previously, one of the first things the Lord said to do was to remove worldly traits. In other words He is telling us to set ourselves apart from the world.

Romans 12:1-2 *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 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.*

1 John 2:15 *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

Did you know that the antonym for worldly is spiritual or that the definition of **worldly is of or pertaining to the world as contrasted to heaven or spiritual life**? As a result of this what we see is that worldly is the exact opposite of heavenly or spiritual. The Lord explained this fact to us way back in:

09/29/11 CT – Magistrate; legal action; commitment; seize it; seize the opportunity for commitment. Be all that you can be. Be your best for Me. **Do not trespass into the worldly realm** (gossip, vanity, pride, all the opposites of the fruits of the spirit).

Possess the fruits of the spirit. Be as an innocent child. Surrender your will and self. Guileless, kindness, compassionate, sweet spirit, encouraging, loving, helpful, sympathetic, forgiving – have, possess the fruits of the Spirit. This is my will for you. Have a gentleness for all to see. **Let them see Me in you**. This is how you shall be for this New Year. (I felt like the Lord wanted me to make a contract with Him over these character traits. - Legal)

In the message above the Lord contrasted worldly traits to the fruits of the Spirit or you could say to heavenly traits. He stated that His will for our lives lies in these heavenly traits. This idea is important because it helps us to understand that those who pursue worldly traits are not pleasing to the Lord, as worldly traits, do not represent Him.

Romans 8:8 *So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

1 Thessalonians 4:7 *For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.*

Later in this lesson I will present a list contrasting worldly traits to heavenly traits, however, at this time in order for us to proceed it is important for us to simply understand that worldly traits are the exact opposite of heavenly traits. And we must also remember that it is heavenly traits that are pleasing to the Lord. This is why the Lord encouraged us to **remove worldly traits**.

Character Made

In the words above the Lord cautioned us, when He said, **Do not trespass into the worldly realm**. What He is saying there is that we all go through life making choices. We must choose not to enter the worldly realm. Basically, I think, this is what this lesson is about. It is about choosing to remove worldly traits. It is about choosing to be the best you can be. It is about choosing to reflect Him. Now I realize that in most instances this is not a change that will happen overnight. It takes time to break habits. It takes time to change one's outlook but through the Lord's help and guidance change will come. We will be successful at removing those worldly traits. This week the Lord said this,

11/13/12 JC - In My presence, you will learn all you need to know. The goal and purpose for every person is to love Me and live for Me. The path to Me is the same, and yet different according to what each needs to learn. You must learn trust. Give up caring about how earthly things will work out. Rely on Me.

Do-overs are allowed as much as needed. Don't ignore the small experiences of unrighteousness for they are the daily lessons that teach, then repent and seek My guidance before all acts- eventually it becomes automatic.

Much love is available to you- accept it from Me, take My heart. That which flows from your heart defines you. Seek refinement to present Me righteously before those around you. With My love, continue on.

From these words we understand that the Lord is teaching us how our character is made. He is teaching us how to be a reflection of Him. He is saying that these daily lessons, these frequent taps on our conscience that He gives, these are all character building steps that we are walking through that help us move forward.

Romans 5:1-5 *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts, by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.*

So this is an example of how character is made, through tribulation and perseverance just as the Lord said,

11/07/11 DP - hold on through much tribulation, patience, obedience, character is made.

01/25/12 MVA - Trials build character.

05/11/12 DP - Trials and tribulations build character do not be weary in well doing. Dedication and discipline is what's needed to make it in this fight be not overcome by circumstances.

We make mistakes, we see them, we don't like them and then the Lord gives us the strength to make the change that must be made in order to continue on in refinement. We persevere, we don't give up, we keep fighting the good fight. We choose dedication and discipline as this is what is needed to remove and to build.

My Ways, My Traits, My Love

Thus far we have established that we have a choice to be made. It is our choice because we have free will. But what are we choosing? The answer lies in these next several messages:

Romans 13:11-14 *And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts.*

11/13/11 BT – My way is beautiful, My way is pure. Come to know My ways so that you show yourselves approved. When the time comes I will reveal Myself to those who know My ways. The time is at hand...prepare, prepare, prepare.

You have a choice, My ways or the ways of the world. Choose wisely! How do you spend your time? Walking in the ways of the world or in My ways? What is really important to you? Make it visible. Make it visible to others. You must grow up into Me. We must become one in will and plan. We must have union. This is the only way. Some will be left behind. There is work on your part. You must leave behind that which you know, the ways of the world. The ways of the Harlot and you must walk in My ways and My statutes. You must change your ways. They are not My ways and we must have union. I DO NOT CHANGE. I love you and I want you all with Me, do what is necessary. THE BOTTEM LINE IS – Learn My ways and Walk in Them.

11/13/12 CT – Loyalty, honor, truth, courage, justice and mercy are to be apart of your character as His servant; as one of His (like a Knight of the Round Table). Endeavor to exhibit

these traits. He is your sovereign. Remember the Lord's prayer: "His Kingdom come", you are a part of His Kingdom now. No other gods before Him. Give Him the honor and respect He deserves as your King. Continue to learn and grow as His. Continue to read and study. 109/06/12 DP - many will turn astray the love of many will wax cold see to it you be filled with love, display My character for all to see,
09/07/12 DP - display My character for all the world to see,
09/19/12 DP - Display My character in this I will be well pleased.
11/05/12 MVA - Traits being established. Repetitive motion establish traits. My disciples learned by walking out what was learned My Beloved will do the same. Each step taken leads to the next. Walking in fullness with your God Jesus.

So what did all these messages reveal about what we are choosing? Well, several messages were given through the words above. For example, on 11/05/12 the Lord once again spoke of Traits. Don't forget, He had mentioned them earlier on 11/04/12, when He said, remove worldly traits. The important thing to know about traits is that traits like impressions can either be good or bad. Worldly traits are bad. Heavenly traits, as spoken of on 11/05/12 are good. So that is the first thing we are deciding to choose through this lesson. We are decided to choose heavenly traits as opposed to worldly traits. This is our first choice.

But in the words above He also spoke of His character and how it should be seen in each one of us. This sentiment is very similar to the words we received on 11/04/12 that stated, replace with love. My love as it fills all needs. I want to see a smile on your face, a light in your eyes. I want to see a reflection of Me. This is where those heavenly traits make a difference in our being. This is because we reflect Him through the heavenly traits we have chosen to walk in. So here we are decided to reflect Him.

Therefore, in the words above the Lord once again reiterated the fact that it is a choice that we are making. This was made equally apparent through the statement You must leave behind that which you know, the ways of the world. Yes, He once again made it apparent that we are making a choice. And when you partner His words regarding leaving the ways of the world behind with these words 11/04/12: replace with love, My love as it fills all needs. I want to see a smile on your face, a light in your eyes. I want to see a reflection of Me. You can do this. It is much needed in the world today. Well, when you partner those two together you can see the picture the Lord is painting.

Discipline

Okay so we realize that we must choose to leave the world behind, discarding worldly traits for heavenly traits but how are we really going to accomplish this? I realize, like myself, you are probably sitting there thinking, I'm only human, how can I accomplish this. I know I've already talked about trials building character and that we are to keep persevering but surely that is not the answer in its entirety. Surely the Lord has offered additional guidance in this regard. Am I right, is that what you are thinking?

Well, if it was, maybe the answer can be found in the words the Lord gave us on 12/27/09 BT - "To discipline your mind read the Bible. If you want control of your mind don't let the enemy in. To rebuke temptation, first know that it is temptation. Whatever takes you away from ME is the work of the enemy." As abstract as this may seem in regards to answering our question, but yes, I do believe that this is the answer to the question. You see, I think it is the answer because I think the choices we make originate from within. Maintaining focus is important.

Distractions and the source of those distractions must be removed. We must close the door to the enemy. And the enemy is the origin of worldly traits. Consequently in this regard, I think, the Lord is teaching us that we make right choices, we discipline our mind, by feeding it with good food so to speak. In other words we make the choice to avoid the “food” of the world. So you see discipline is a matter of choice as well.

But the definition of **discipline** reveals that **discipline** is also about this:

- **training to act in accordance to rules**
- **activity, exercise or a regimen that develops or improves a skill,**
- **behavior in accord with rules of conduct**

Therefore when we put all these pieces together, what we are learning here is that we choose to be disciplined. We choose to be a leader. We choose to follow Christ. We choose to have heavenly traits. It is all a matter of choice. Hence, when we choose to be a disciplined person, we are choosing to act in accordance to rules. We are developing as a person. We are being trained to act in unity with Christ.

2/21/11 DP - **Leadership, discipline these are characteristics you must be willing to show forth. Be lead by Me, be full of understanding and compassion to the lowly in heart.**

But you must understand that discipline requires effort. It requires training. It can even involve reproof and correction. And it can be painful.

Hebrews 12:11 *Now no discipline seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

But nonetheless we must remember that the Lord said this,

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A disciplined walk is a must. It is necessary in order for us to be rid **of those worldly traits.**

Summation

In this lesson we have learned that we are in the process of going through the Lord’s training. Our thoughts, our motives, our hearts are all in training. We are being refined to become a reflection of Him. And when we join this piece as seen below:

11/05/12 MVA - **Traits being established. Repetitive motion establish traits. My disciples learned by walking out what was learned My Beloved will do the same. Each step taken leads to the next. Walking in fullness with your God Jesus.**

When we join this piece with the other pieces that we have discussed thus far we can see that practice makes perfect. We may not necessarily get it right the first time. It takes repetition to establish traits. It takes discipline to keep going after the first few missteps. However, we would do well to remember that **Each step taken leads to the next. Walking in fullness with your God Jesus.**

Remember the Lords words from:

11/13/12 JC - **Do-overs are allowed as much as needed. Don't ignore the small experiences of unrighteousness for they are the daily lessons that teach, then repent and seek My guidance before all acts- eventually it becomes automatic.**

The Lord said, **You have a choice, My ways or the ways of the world. Choose wisely!**

Psalm 94:12-15 *Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, and teach out of Your law, that you may give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit is dug for the wicked. For the LORD will not cast off His people, nor will He forsake His inheritance. But judgment will return to righteousness, and all the upright in heart will follow it.*

We began this lesson with the understanding that we are a creation of the Most High God and as such the traits, the qualities, the characteristics of our being are all very important. They are important because we are representatives of the Most High God. They are important because the world should be able to see Him through us. Therefore, we accept the Lord's instruction, we seek His righteousness and we shall endeavor to establish His traits within ourselves.

Yes, through this lesson the Lord helped us to understand that His will for our lives lies within His "heavenly" traits. Coming to understand this idea was important because it helped us to understand that those who pursue worldly traits are not pleasing to the Lord, as worldly traits, do not represent Him. And as stated previously we are representing Him, hence, we must represent Him appropriately. Consequently, as promised earlier here is listed below a chart which contrast worldly traits versus heavenly traits. As we review this list may the Lord help us to understand the importance of the choices we make.

Traits

Worldly

Vanity, pride
Greed, covetousness
Self-righteousness
Apathy, Unfeeling
Lust
Judgmental
Assertive
Unforgiving
Unkind
Boisterous, Loud
Disrespectful
Rebellious

Heavenly

Humility
Generous
Righteous
Empathy
Chastity
Non-judgmental
Quiet
Forgiving
Kind
Quiet
Respectful
Law-abiding

Irreverent
Undisciplined
Impatient
Bold, brazen
Hate
Unhappy
Disharmony, Disagree, Fight
Evil, Wicked
Disloyal
Crude, Rough
Rash
Guile, Artful Deception, Crafty
Cruel, Harsh, Merciless
Dampen, Deject, Discourage
Indifference
Bitter, Acidic, Sour
Corrupt, Bad, Evil
Useless, Unconstructive
Disloyal, Undependable
Degrade, Disrespect
Lie
Coward, Fearful
Injustice, Abuse, Breach
Cruel, Intolerant

Reverent
Disciplined
Patient
Meek
Love
Joy
Peace
Goodness
Faithful
Gentle
Self-controlled
Guileless, Sincere, Honest
Compassion
Encourage
Sympathy
Sweet Spirit
Innocent
Helpful
Loyal
Honor
Truth
Courageous
Justice
Mercy

Keep this list close to your heart and remember that Traits are being established. They are established through repetitive motion, through discipline, through the Lord's training. You have the choices in front of you. You can do this. It is much needed in the world today. The world lacks discipline. But you can be disciplined by getting rid of those worldly traits and replacing them with love! I know you can (do this) but it does take discipline of thought, motive and heart. May we go forward practicing, living those "heavenly" traits that the world so desperately needs to see through you.

May the Lord Bless and Keep You,
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