

THE FOUR WORLD IN WHICH YOU LIVE

INTRODUCTION: You must relate yourself to four worlds. How you fare in any one or all of the four worlds will finally be determined by how you do in one of these four worlds: THE WORLD OF YOURSELF.

The four worlds that we want to discuss are:

1. YOURSELF
2. Things
3. Your brother
4. God.

THREE PERSONALITY TYPES INVOLVED. They are:

1. The extrovert (Jung's list)
  1. His feelings and emotions all seem to turn outward.
2. The ambivert.
  1. His emotions and feelings turn outward all right, but in most every direction.
3. The Introvert
  1. Perhaps this is the most dangerous personality type of all. His emotions (anger, fear, self-pity) all turn inward having to do with himself. Most often these thoughts that center in and about oneself shut himself up within himself, and in very fact shuts himself off from others: except in blame.

THIS BRINGS US TO THE FIRST OF THE FOUR WORLDS IN WHICH YOU MUST LIVE:

1. THE WORLD OF YOURSELF

1. Those who center upon themselves and have their way:
  1. They do not like their way. Haggai 1:57
  2. They do as they like but they do not like what they do.
  3. They are quick to assert themselves (to speak their own minds) but find what is *said* souring on their own hands.



1. THE WORLD OF YOURSELF: Continued: (PAGE TWO)
  1. There are those who think that Christianity ~~teaches~~ they must love others, but not themselves. This is a mistake:
  2. Christianity actually teaches selflove:
    1. Jesus said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Mark 12:31; Lk. 10:27
  3. So all attempts to eliminate the self must end in disaster:
    1. You put self out the door, self will come right back through the window. He may be in disguise, you may not recognize him but he will be back.
  4. So we see:
    1. Those who love self as a master: have a gruesome master.
    2. Those who love self as a servant to others (their neighbors) are glorious servants: for self can be a glorious servant.
  5. The Introvert, the Self-centered, the ego-centric person is AT WAR WITH HIMSELF.
    1. Where war is, peace cannot be.
    2. This person is living against himself
    3. He is a "house divided against itself, and Jesus said, "That house cannot stand." Mark 3:25

2. THE WORLD OF THINGS

1. One "thing" that crucified Jesus was IGNORANCE IN THE MULTITUDE.
  1. ~~But~~ so many "things" weary us no little
2. How do you react to some inanimate "thing" that will not function as it should.
  1. It may be that you do not understand it
  2. A man one time took a 2x4 and just about ruined a Model-T Ford just because it would not start. He did not know about the stuck magnet in the Ford.
  3. "That Thing" is just about our pet name for any and everything that we decide that we do not like.
3. The world is filled up with "things" and our attitude toward these "things" will fairly well reveal how we get along with ourselves.



3. THE WOLRD OF YOUR BROTHER

1. The chapel steeple of a great University has a weather vane on it. This weather vane is supposed to represent people:
  1. As the weather vane turns in every direction, so do people.
  2. People are turned by the winds of circumstances. Winds of least resistance.
2. In the world of humanity there is much weakness among men.
  1. Because we do not like some things that a person may be doing we make the mistake of saying, "I do not like that person." We should say, "I do not like certain things that person is doing."
  2. Negative thinking makes a negative person.
3. We must remember that fastening upon the faults of others is usually a defense-mechanism.
  1. Continually finding fault with the other person, or persons usually means that, YOU ARE TRYING TO LIFT YOURSELF UP BY PUSHING THEM DOWN.
    1. Some spend most of their time trying to make themselves look big by trying to make others look little. Lk18:9F
4. In case they are your enemy as you suppose here are four things you can do to them:
  1. "Love your enemies."
  2. "Bless them that curse you."
  3. "Do good to them that hate you."
  4. "Pray for them that which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matt 5:44
5. In our "brother world" certain things must be if we are to get along well.
  1. We must free ourselves from hate and harshness. Imagine a sick church trying to cure a sick world.
  2. The "bitter weed" of southwest, Texas
  3. Two hates never made a love affair. Two harshnesses never made amicable relations.



4. YOUR WORLD AND GOD.

1. You are in the world, and like the other three worlds about which we have studied you must relate yourself to God.
  1. Men lose faith in God not so much by honest doubt as by dishonest sin.
  2. Why do men not rest in God? Because they try to rest in something else.
  3. At the bottom of the decay of faith, usually will be found a decay in morals.
  
2. If we are out of step with ourselves; things; Our brothers in the flesh...Our brothers in the Lord; It follows that we are out of step with God...if we were ever in step with him.
  
3. It follows that we need repentance that will bring us to God. 1 Peter 3:9

HOW TO FIND OUT A MAN'S WEAK POINTS

1. Note the failings he has the quickest eye for in others.
2. He usually points these things out, WHAT IS WRONG IN OTHERS, OR WRONG IN HIS SURROUNDINGS, as mental compensation for what is wrong in himself.

