

Serving God & The World Will Make You Miserable

Ecclesiastes Chapter 2 Lesson 3

¹⁷ Therefore I _____ life because the work that was done under the sun *was* _____ to me, for all *is* vanity and grasping for the wind. ¹⁸ Then I _____ all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me.

Ecclesiastes 2:17,18

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Solomon was Miserable

²⁰ Therefore I turned my heart and _____ of all the labor in which I had _____ under the sun. ²¹ For there is a man whose labor *is* with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also *is* vanity and a great evil. ²² For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? ²³ For all his days *are* _____ and his work _____; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity. Ecclesiastes 2:20-23

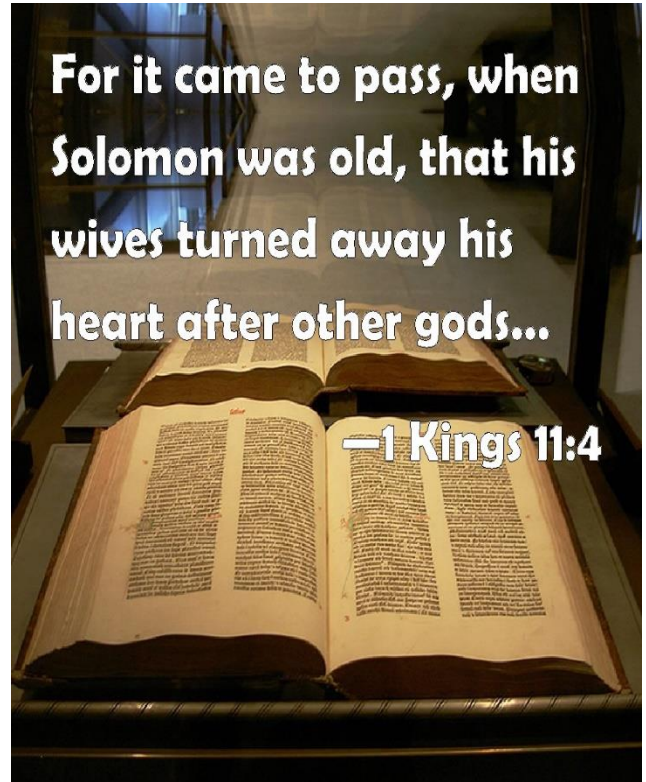
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The reason Solomon was so miserable was because his heart was not fully following the Lord:

“For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his _____ after other gods: and his heart was not _____ with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father . . . ⁶ And Solomon did _____ in the sight of the LORD, and went not _____ after the LORD, as *did* David his father.

1 Kings 11:4-6 heart perfect
evil fully



Serving the world and God will drive you nuts:

“ _____ servant can _____ two masters; for either he will _____ the one and _____ the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You _____ serve God and mammon.” Luke 16:13

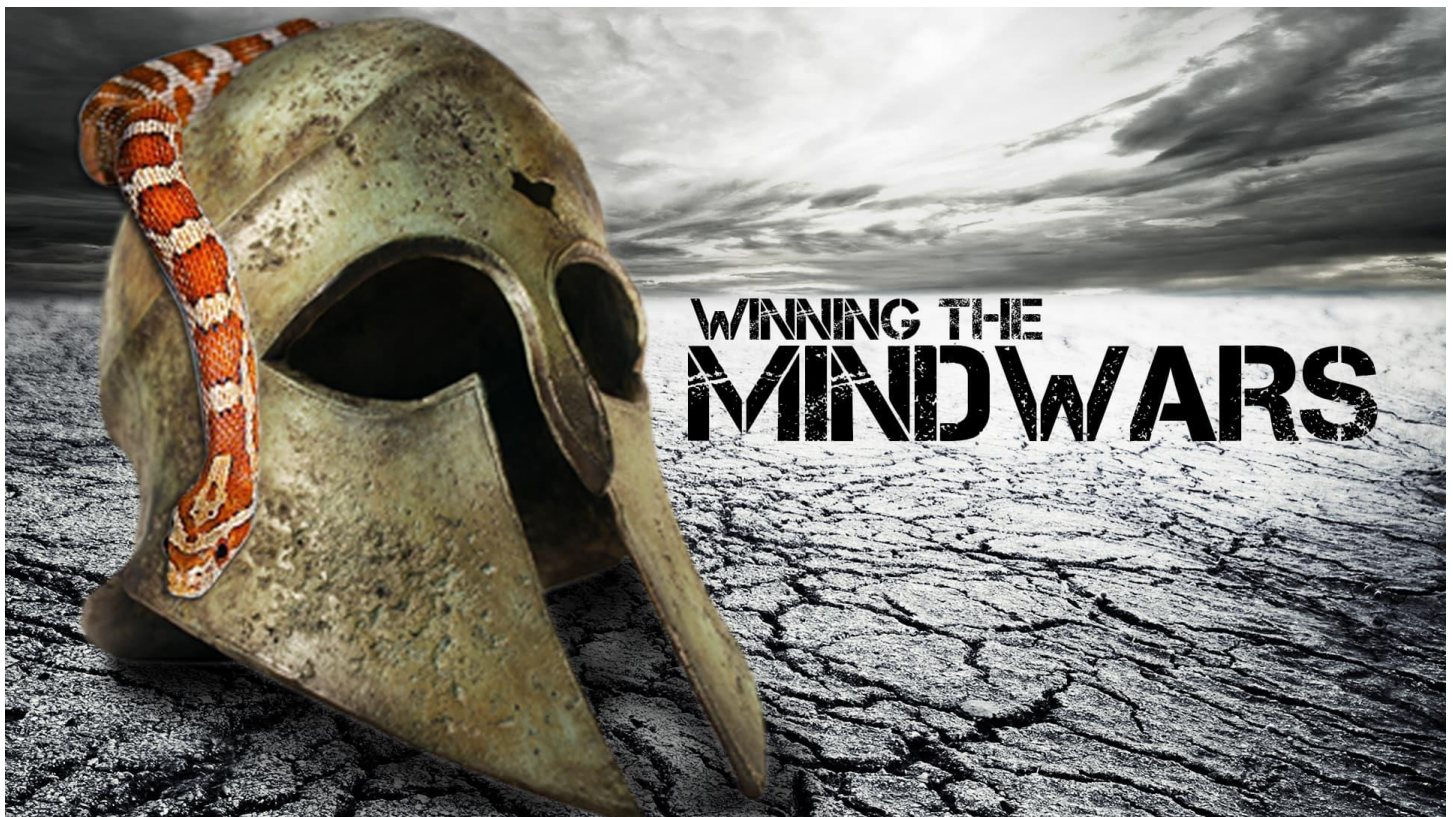
No serve hate love cannot



Befriending the world creates a war in your mind that will wear you down:

“Where do _____ *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your _____ *for* _____ that war in your members? . . . ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask _____, that you may spend *it* on your _____. ⁴ Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that _____ with the world is _____ with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an _____ of God. James 4:1-4

Wars desires pleasure amiss pleasures friendship enmity enemy



¹⁵ Do not _____ the _____ or the _____ in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.” 1 John 2:15-17

love world things

For our own spiritual welfare, we should go so far as to even hate the evil of this world:

³ I will set nothing _____ before my _____; I _____ the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me. Psalm 101:3 **wicked eyes hate**

¹⁰⁴ Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I _____ every _____ way. Psalm 119:104 **hate false**

¹¹³ I hate the _____ - _____, But I love Your law. Psalm 119:113 **double-minded**

¹⁶³ I hate and abhor _____, *But* I love Your law. Psalm 119:163 **lying**

¹³ The fear of the Lord *is* to hate _____; _____ and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate. Proverbs 8:13 **evil pride**

