



## Seven Subtle Snares of Worldliness

### (1) Materialism

- Explanation-Matter is all that matters.
- Its Distortion-Deformed view of the world.
- The Snare-I am what I own.
- The Effect-Affluence, accumulation, occupied with things, consumer mentality, neglect spiritual things.

### (2) Activism

- Explanation-I must fill my life with activity.
- Its Distortion-Deformed view of work. Seeking from work what only God can give.
- The Snare-I am what I do, what I produce.
- The Effect-Neurotic, consuming ministry. Seeking significance from work rather than from the Lord.

### (3) Individualism

- Explanation-I must depend on no one but myself.
- Its Distortion-Deformed view of self. Produces a me-ism society.
- The Snare-I am the source of my own life.
- The Effect-Loneliness, resistance to authority, inability to work on a team.

### (4) Conformism

- Explanation-Recognition by others is primary and necessary.
- Its Distortion-Deformed view of the importance or the opinions of others.
- The Snare-I am who others recognize me to be.
- The Effect-Praise dependent, seeking significance from the approval of others.

### (5) Relativism

- Explanation-It matters not what you believe as long as you believe something.
- Its Distortion-Deformed view of truth. Refuses to recognize revealed truth.
- The Snare-I am whatever I want to believe.
- The Effect-Subjective approach to life, to Scripture; experience oriented, uncertain faith, emotional.

### (6) Secularism

- Explanation-Man has no need of religion. Man is sufficient.
- Its Distortion-Deformed view of man. Fails to take into account man's sinfulness.
- The Snare-I am sufficient to handle my affairs.
- The Effect-Sunday only kind of Christian. Fail to integrate God into all areas of life or reject God completely.

### (7) Religionism

- Explanation-If I am good, go to church, etc., I will be okay.
- Its Distortion-Deformed view of God.
- The Snare-I am okay because of my religious works and activities.
- The Effect-Have some facts about God, engaged in some religious activity, but lacking in inner reality. Fail to integrate God into all areas of life.