

don't participate in fads, trends and things everybody else does. Declare yourself independent from man but dependent on God. Prove all things, hold fast that which is good.

Don't allow your children to be brainwashed by the sly messages behind so many unwholesome toys, cartoons and other kid's activities. If you are an American, don't give your child toys that teach Spanish. We as Bible-believers have nothing to do with the premeditated merger of the Americas. We don't want America to be run by an elitist conspiracy of political and economic figures. Read to your children. Don't let them sit for hours in front of a TV unsupervised while feeding them unhealthy snacks. Become an informed, soul-conscious parent who is loving and firm.

Make sure your life is focused around the home and the church - what matters most. Don't let these blessings be supplanted by sports activities, social clubs, mom's club, Wal-Mart, McDonald's and other outlets that cause you to waste money like a prodigal son and lose your spiritual blessings and heritage like Esau who traded his

birthright for a bowl of food. Don't be so cheap. You and your children deserve better.

Don't keep up with the Jones' when the Jones' are on their way to hell. Stay on your knees and stay in the Book. If you faithfully practice a personal prayer life and study your Bible as your daily bread and long for God like a hart pants for water (Ps. 42:1), then you will have no time left to make the mistake of comparing yourself with the heathen and those who deny the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Whosoever
therefore will be a
friend of the world
is the enemy of
God. James 4:4

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GOING AGAINST THE HEATHEN WAYS *of society*

GOD'S WAYS

"be ye separate .." 2. Cor. 6:17

THE WORLD'S WAY

Have you ever read these scriptures?

Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain ... *Jeremiah 10:2,3.*

And ye shall know that I am the Lord: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manner of the heathens that are round about you. *Ezek 11:12.*

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. *1. Cor. 15:33.*

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. *James 1:27.*

So what does that mean practically? Name some practical steps that we can take so we won't corrupt our manners, become worldly and walk in the ways of the ungodly?

You must be born again. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Your faith must produce fruit. Not just fleeting feelings. Fruit comes in

the form of good works.

Quit following horoscopes and astrology. The heathen are dismayed at the stars. A believer in Christ Jesus follows the former of the firmament.

Don't idolize sports stars. Forsake America's idols of entertainment, education, sports, materialism and consumerism. A Christian life is a simple life. Seek after simplicity.

Dump wordly music. Don't sell your CD collection. Trash it. Rock, rap, Techno, country etc. is unholy and misleads souls. Pray that the Lord delivers you from all secular music addictions. Meditate on the scriptures and engraft His word into your heart.

Throw your TV out. Modern TV is too trashy. Take the trash out. Soap operas, talk shows, cooking shows, courtroom shows, crime shows ... they all violate the basic 10 commandments of God and the basic tenets of Christian faith. Learn to enjoy those quiet evenings without TV. Listen to wholesome music. Read. Listen to the sounds of nature if you live in the country.

Don't be conformed to this world. Allow yourself to be transformed into what the Lord wants you to be. You might be accustomed to certain habits, local traditions and ways that are not scriptural. For example, a lot of people follow vain traditions when it comes to events such as births, weddings or funerals. Especially weddings have degraded into an excess of materialism. Who controls that things have to be done a certain way? Will you put Christ first? Are you willing to go against society and rather follow Biblical principles. Christians need to be more disciplined and principled. The church needs to influence society and not vice-versa. Pray: Lord, I surrender my thoughts and my mind under the control of the Holy Ghost and the authority of the word of God.

Don't do things just because "everybody else is doing it". Exodus 23:1 says that we should not follow a multitude to do evil. So just because most other women wears immodest and revealing clothes does not make it right. God's definition of nakedness and modesty has not changed. Be skeptical of trends and fads. Rejoice in refusal. Just