

# Friendship & Faith

## Fierce Loyalty

James 4:4-5

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“As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke it...”<sup>1</sup>

~ **Jesus**, on choosing the world over the Word

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### The Christian's Perspective on Worldliness:

1. It is \_\_\_\_\_.

One indication of this is James' \_\_\_\_\_.

2. It is a \_\_\_\_\_.

It \_\_\_\_\_ you against \_\_\_\_\_.

3. It is \_\_\_\_\_.

One has to make the often subtle distinction between \_\_\_\_\_  
the world and \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

### Detecting Worldliness in Yourself:

1. Where is my \_\_\_\_\_?

2. Where is my \_\_\_\_\_?

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<sup>1</sup> Cited from Matt 13:22.