

Revelation Series

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νικάω *nikao*

articular pres act ptcp

“victors, winners, conquerors, overcomers.”

Cognate to the noun, νίκη, *nike*, “victory,
success.”

Nikao “to overpower, to gain victory, to win.”

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Perfect: completed action

Jesus completed His victory over the world before He went to the Cross.

Romans 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

DEVIL

**World
System**



The Characteristics of *Worldliness*

Worldliness is the thought of the creature Lucifer in rebellion against God.

Arrogance ⇨ promotion of self, the creature/creation becomes the ultimate reference point.

Antagonism ⇨ Hostility toward God, His plan, thinking, and revelation.

The Characteristics of *Worldliness*

- An orderly, organized system of thought providing the creature with a rationale for living independently of his Creator.
- *Worldliness* is the thought structure which provides the rationalizations for the operation of the sin nature.
- Thus, worldliness relates to the post-salvation life of the believer, divine viewpoint or human viewpoint.

The Characteristics of *Worldliness*

- The Biblical concept of “worldliness” describes the collection of ideas, philosophies, religions, standards, values, purposes, and methods to achieve those ends, which characterize a culture or subculture. As such, this worldview incorporates and is expressed in every aspect of a culture’s views of the individual and social relationships, theories of knowledge and learning, expressions of reality in visual and performing arts, science, technology, literature and law. When the Christian operates within this thought structure, even though it may overlap in many ways with a Biblical worldview, it is still classified as worldliness.

Matthew 4:3, “Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’

Matthew 4:4, “But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” ’ ’ ”