



Ask Anything: Christianity and Culture

Scripture: Class contributions from Ask Anything, Session 2

Matthew 10:14 shake off the dust

And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. (also Luke 9:5; Mark 10:25)

Romans 12:2 not conformed, transformed

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Mark 10:24-25 easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle

And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." (also Matthew 19:16-30; Luke 18:18-30)

Titus 2:11-12 live self-controlled

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

Romans 13:1 subject to authority

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Matthew 10:32 acknowledging vs. denying Christ

So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. (also Luke 12:4-12)

Mark 7:6-8 leaving God's command for man's doctrine; insincere lip service

And He said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me; in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

[Isaiah 29: And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, while their hearts are far from Me, and their fear of Me is a commandment taught by men, Therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden. "Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?)]



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John 1:5 light shines in darkness

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

1 Timothy 4:12-13 set an example

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

2 Timothy 1:13 Paul's exhortation to Timothy: hold fast

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. [NKJV v13: *Hold fast...*]

Philippians 4:8 think about worthy things

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

2 Peter 1:5-7 qualities of diligence

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 description of difficulty

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

2 Timothy 4:1-5 don't wander into myths

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.



Additional Scripture (contributions post session)

John 16:33 you will have tribulation but take heart

“I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Philippians 3:17 way of destruction: earthly mindset

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

Philippians 1:27-30 live worthy; called to believe and to suffer for Him

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Romans 12:14;18 Bless persecutors; endeavor to live peaceably

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ...if possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Galatians 6:10 do good to everyone, especially other believers

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Psalms 34:13-16 turn from evil, seek peace; the Lord sees and hears

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

Matthew 16:26 what profit to gain the world but forfeit the soul?

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”