



1 September 2024

RESPECTABLE SINS: WORLDLINESS

Worldliness is one of those things Christians think they understand, yet may not have fully grasped with Biblical clarity. Let us think more deeply about it.

Worldliness is not merely about what we possess but also about what we pursue. One who owns a luxury condominium may be worldly, so can a humble HDB homeowner. Worldliness is not simply about what external “treasures” are displayed but what internal “treasures” are desired. A person dressed in Uniqlo’s Singapore uniform taking public transport can be just as worldly as another decked out in branded wear driving an expensive car. Worldliness is not solely identifiable by what one is doing. A person serving regularly in church can still be worldly.

Confused? That’s why worldliness can become a respectable sin in the church. We need the help of Scripture to deal with it accurately. 1 John 2:15-17 is instructive here.

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

First, worldliness is an internal problem over what we love. It is a question of desire. If I were to love the things of the world, then I am worldly. Even if I come to church, serve in ministry, appear to be godly, I have an internal problem in my heart. The love of the Father is not in me. Yet, I can look respectable in church because it is hidden within.

Second, worldliness is not restricted to a material pursuit in life. Yes, if I were to desire the things of the world, I would pursue them. But the Bible defines the things of the world beyond materialism. There is “the desires of the flesh,” which can be identified with physical or material pleasures and pursuits. Then, there is “the desires of the eyes,” which is associated with the sins of covetousness, envy, and jealousy. Finally, there is “pride of life,” which can breakout in every field of human endeavors, including church ministries. So we need to be watchful over whether these “things of the world” are gripping my heart and directing my life.

Third, worldliness is ultimately a spiritual problem. Since “the world is passing away along with its desires,” a believer who is pursuing the temporal things of this world cannot be led by the Holy Spirit to seek the eternal kingdom of God. Worldliness is actually a serious spiritual problem because it reveals that Jesus is not my first love. If I truly love Him and want to follow Him, I will be doing “the will of God”. My love for God (internal) is to direct all my activities and pursuits in life (external). Only when these two are linked, then I am free of worldliness.

So instead of merely asking yourself, How do I look? What am I doing? The question of worldliness is better addressed first by asking, Do I love God? What do I desire? Then, we should check, What am I pursuing? What am I doing today?

Pastor Seethor Chee Keen
Chinese Congregation



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• KIDS BIBLE CAMP (KBC) 2024

Join us for an exciting 2-day adventure to find the greatest treasure of all — the person of Jesus Christ! Children will discover how to grow their faith & explore what it means to be deeply rooted in God's love & truth!

Age group: Primary 1 to 5

Date: Fri, 22 Nov - Sat, 23 Nov

Time: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Camp Fees: \$30 (includes meals, materials and T-shirt)

Venue: 39 Punggol Field Walk, Singapore 828753

To register, please visit this link

<https://bit.ly/kbc24register>

Registration closes on Mon, 30 Sep.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KIDS BIBLE CAMP

We are excited to announce our annual 2-day kids holiday camp and we need **YOU** to help make it an unforgettable experience! This is a wonderful opportunity to impact the lives of children from our church & the community with the love & truth of the Gospel. Sign-up today and be a blessing to the next generation!

Please visit <https://bit.ly/kbc2024serve> to register and find out more about the available roles.

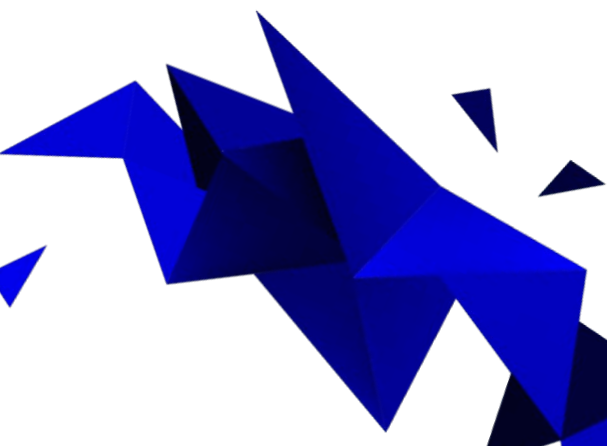
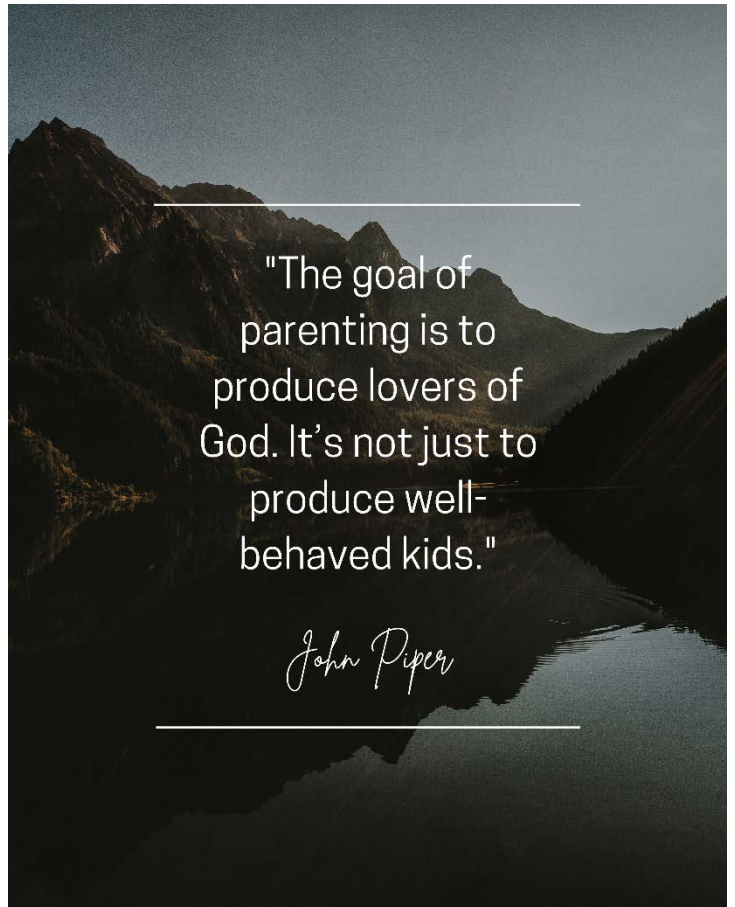
If you want to find out more, please write to children@gospellight.sg.

• YOUTH CAMP 2024

Save the Date for Youth Camp 2024! 16-19 December!

• INTERNSHIP

Wonder if full-time ministry is what you have been called to? Come explore under Gospel Light's Internship programme, especially tailored for those who are keen in shepherding/pastoral work. To find out more details on the application criteria, please visit our website at [Internship](#).





• SILVER JOY MINISTRY - FUNCTIONAL HEALTH SCREENING

See, hear and eat better with functional health screening and fall risks assessment for \$5 or less. Invite your elderly family members, friends, neighbours or colleagues. Join us at Gospel Light Christian Church.

Date: Wed, 18 Sep

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: Foyer (L2)

To register, visit

<https://form.gov.sg/5c45c47aaf7dc60010e5dbb5>.

Registration closes on Sun, 15 Sep.

Contact CE at 9753 7964 for enquiries.

• TABLE TENNIS @GOSPELLIGHT

Looking for a fellowship activity for your small group or spiritual community? Want an outreach platform to invite unsaved colleagues, friends and neighbours?

Our table tennis facilities are now open for booking!

For bookings, please email shine@gospellight.sg.

• SILVERJOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. SilverJoy isn't just a place for seniors to gather, it's a spiritual community of friendship and support.

Invite your pre-believing friends, neighbours or family members.

Date: 1st & 3rd Wed of the month

Time: 9.45am – 12.30pm

Venue: Connections Corner (L1)

Upcoming events coming your way. Join us!

Contact CE at 9753 7964 for enquiries.

Date	Programme
4 th Sep	Snowskin Mooncake Making *Registration closed
18 th Sep	Agency for Integrated Care – Functional Screening

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tuesday, 3 Sep 2024, we will study John 12:37-50, and learn about the unbelief of the people and Jesus coming to save the world. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 3 Sep

Time: 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3pd7C7T>

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761





WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 7:45am**

Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg

(A)Worship Services

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am and 12.00pm	https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ (only available at 10.15am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 10.15am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2.00pm	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4.30pm No service on 4 th & 5 th week	Subscribe to Youth announcement channel https://t.me/+Yd524QzAjKk2Yzll
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2.30pm No service on 5 th week	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwipcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Reception Room (L1)	Alternate Sunday at 10.30am	For more information about our services contact 9628 5061/ 9117 6000
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5.00pm and 7.30pm	http://bit.ly/30G4fXI

(B) Children Services

Children's services are at **8.30am and 10.15am**:

(i) Playgroup (12 months - 35 months): Hall 3 at Attic Level

(ii) Preschool (36 months - 6 years): Eshkol Valley premise at Attic Level

(iii) Primary (Primary 1 to Primary 6): Light Auditorium at Level 3

(iv) Join our Whatsapp community for regular updates: <http://bit.ly/sonshineparents>

(v) Interested to explore serving in in Children's Ministry? Email: children@gospellight.sg



You may give your offerings in the following ways:

1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" - Offering will go towards General Fund
- State "Missions" - To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN:

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2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: **033-021695-5**
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund - **033-021695-5**
 - Missions Fund - **001-042653-2**
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.

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