

Commitment to God's View of the World

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I. Introduction.

II. Separating things into sacred and secular has gotten believers into trouble.

A. When God became man in Jesus Christ this distinction was erased. (Romans 14:14, Titus 1:15)

B. There is a system of comparison and envy that bleeds over into the church. (I John 5:19)

C. There is no distinction between being called to ministry and called to serve in some other way.

D. There are no menial tasks in Scripture. Life has too easily become fractured. (Psalm 86:11)

E. We need to have balance in life, but we also need to be committed to God's view that nothing in the world is unclean of itself.

III. Need does not always determine the will of God—sometimes we need to withdraw. (Luke 5:16, Galatians 2)

A. Evangelism is presence, performance and proclamation. It is being as much as it is speaking.

B. God has creative ways of getting us to slow down.

IV. We must be careful to whom we listen. Real guilt comes from the Holy Spirit and is clear. (Genesis 3)

Application questions:

1. What are some improper ways that we separate the spiritual from the secular?

2. Why must we be careful in accepting the tasks that we do?

3. In what areas might you need to slow down? Explain.
