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### **Turn a Corner**

I had lunch with a wayward friend the other day. She's a realtor, a well-to-do divorcee, supposedly a Christian. She is full of anxiety about our economy, worried sick over the present, insecure about the future.

Here are some thoughts I offered her:

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.... We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ” (2 Co. 10:3,5).

“[Others'] mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven” (Php. 3:19c, 20).

“We are therefore Christ's ambassadors” (2 Co. 5:20).

We're “in the world but not of it,” like ambassadors, representing a different government. Our “Head of State” is full of grace and peace, and we're to be the same. He pays our salary; we obey His laws. We're here for our term, but separate (2 Co. 6:17).

“Do not love the world or anything in the world.... The world and its desires pass away” (1 Jn. 2:15, 17).

“[The grace of God] teaches us to say 'no' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age” (Ti.2:12).

If your mind has been “on earthly things,” turn a corner! Start functioning as His ambassador!