

## Sneak attack

**One of a pastor's responsibilities are to keep a protective watch over the flock placed under their care** - Acts 20:28-31-28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. **Be shepherds of the church of God**, which he bought with his own blood. 29 I know that after I leave, **savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock**. 30 Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. 31 So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

**\*A common mistake from unbelievers is hyper focusing on one problem, while giving full reign to other problems. This can have us unconsciously allow and at times endorse ungodliness and create ungodly relationships.**

**We must not allow an enemy that you and the world have in common to trick us into partnering with the world** - James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

**Make no mistakes, NOTHING from the world is an acceptable partnership** - 1 John 2:15-17 - 15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For everything in the world — the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does — comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

**Part of our responsibility is to NOT ALLOW the world to corrupt us** - James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

**We must not accept worldly people and things for how they seem** - 2 Cor 11:13-15 - 13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, MASQUERADING as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. 15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

Rock/Hip Hop	vs.	Country/Pop
Jazz	vs.	Classical
Gambling	vs.	Stocks
Abortion	vs.	Death penalty

**\*All of these are worldly and dangerous if our guard is put down**

**If we keep dealing with things fleshly, we miss the true battle and make ourselves vulnerable** - Eph 6:12-13 - 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, SO THAT when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

**While We will falsely trust on the flesh we miss our Spiritual protection** - 1 John 4:1-3 - Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

**We become Hypocrites when we pick and choose what we will obey from God-** Matt 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have **neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness;** but these are the things **you should have done WITHOUT NEGLECTING THE OTHERS.** NASU

**Make sure not to be pulled in by worldly philosophies** - Col 2:8 **SEE TO IT** that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

**We must see our relationship in the world as passing through with a purpose** - 1 Peter 2:11-12 - 11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to ABSTAIN FROM SINFUL DESIRES, which war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

**We must be aware of things that may sound good for some, but could also be harming the weak** - Prov 31:8-9 - 8 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. 9 Speak up and JUDGE FAIRLY; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

**We must be careful to do ALL God says and not just pick some, which will still label you guilty** - James 2:8-13 - 8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. 9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. 11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. 12 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, 13 because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

**We are not to look for Godly things to do, we are to be Godly in all we do** - 1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, DO IT ALL for the glory of God.