



The Foundations of a Better Culture: *Blessed are those that Mourn*

In striving to create a better culture, first within ourselves, then our homes and then in the congregation, we face two major obstacles.

(a) Ourselves: Being _____ and _____ where things are

- some are like this because it takes too much _____ to change
- some have been like this so _____ that it has become comfortable
- some do not realize that things could be so much better

(b) Fighting a Culture that wants to change us

- like two air masses, colliding, we are trying to better ourselves and the same time the world is trying to change us and accept its' value



The World's Approach to Changing You

The Bible has strong warnings about the world's influence

- 2 Cor 2:11 not _____ of his _____
- 1 John 2:15 love not the _____
- James 4:4 _____ with world is _____ with God
- Romans 12:2 Do not be _____ to the world

The World's attempt to change your culture (Daniel 1:4-7)

Introduction of new language, foods, names and worship

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)

What's the Answer?

1. Make up your _____ (Dan 1:8)
2. _____ your ground (Dan 3:18)
You will be _____
You will be _____ about
There are _____
1 Cor 15:58

Step Two in Developing a Better Culture: Mourning (Mt 5:4)

- *Blessed* means approved by God
- There is _____ in mourning: physically (Ecc 7:2) and spiritually (Ps 51:17)

In order to mourn sin one must _____ sin and then be _____ that he has sinned

Eph 2:12 our culture has made sin acceptable (Isa 5:18-22)

- 2 Cor 7:9; Isa 61:1-3

1. There are two aspects of this passage:

- Mourning: that's _____. Our _____ to sin
- Comfort: that's what the _____ does
- comfort comes through _____ (1 Pet 2:24)

A. W. Tozer: *Everything is wrong until God makes it right.*

