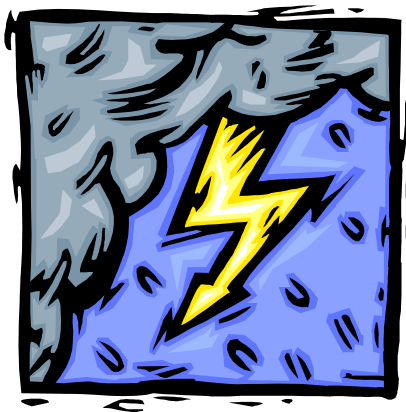




# “THE CHRISTIAN CONTRAST”



**Matthew 6:1-34**





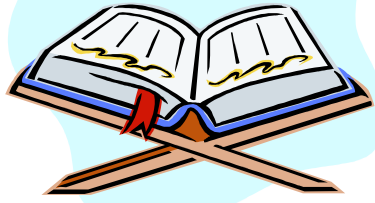
# “But”



**A Conjunction of contrast**

**“on the contrary; on the other hand”**

**Christians, because of our relationship to Jesus, are a contrast to the world in which we live!**



# Some Scriptures

**Exodus 23:2 - shall not follow ....evil**

**Matthew 15:2 - Why don't they keep traditions?**

**Romans 12:2 - not confirmed to this world.**

**Ephesians 4:17 - walk not as the Gentiles walk.**

**2 Timothy 2:4 - doesn't entangle himself with the affairs of this life**

## **2 Corinthians 6:17,18**

**So leave the corruption and compromise; leave it for good," says God. "Don't link up with those who will pollute you. I want you all for myself. I'll be a Father to you; you'll be sons and daughters to me."**

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# **1. A Contrast to Religion (vs. 1-18)**

## **Religion**

**likes show. (v.1)**

**Looks alike. (v.7)**

**Appears. (v.16)**

**Is about doing..**

**Is before men**

**Matthew 23:28**

**Titus 1:16**

## **Relationship**

**.. is secret. (v.3)**

**..is unique. (v.8)**

**..comes. (v.18)**

**.discipleship-3:17**

**Is before God**

**Colossians 3:22**

**1 John 3:22**

## **II. A CONTRAST IN RICHES (vs. 19-24)**

**Treasure = the place in which  
good and precious things  
(valuables) are kept.**



- 1. Values are effected - v.20**
- 2. Vision is effected - v.23**
- 3. Service is effected - v. 24**

**Luke 18:22,23; 16:19,20; 12:20**



# **Heavenly Treasure (laid up in heaven)**

- 1. Soul winner's crown -  
Daniel 12:3**
- 2. Servant's Crown - Mt. 10:42**
- 3. Striver's Crown - 1 Cor. 9:22**
- 4. Second coming crown - 2  
Timothy 4:8**
- 5. Sufferer's crown - James 1:12**
- 6. Shepherd's crown - 1 Peter 5:4**

# **III. Contrast in Reliance (vs.25-34)**

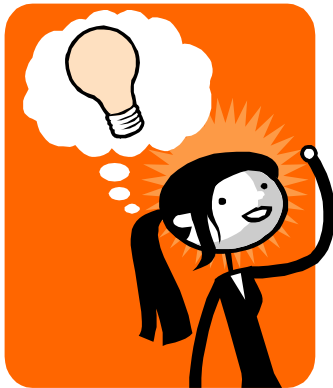


- **Concerns - vs. 25,31 -  
“thought”= anxious, to be  
troubled with cares**
- **Consideration - vs. 26-30  
“consider” = learn thoroughly**
- **Commitment - vs. 32-34  
“seek” = crave, demand**

***Psalm 37:16,19,25,39,40***

**We are Different,  
We contrast the world!  
In Religion, Reward, & Reliance.**

**“they saw, perceived,  
and took knowledge that  
they had been with  
Jesus.”      Acts 4:13**



**Is that true of us?**