

always occupied with earthly and not heavenly things will fail during the period of the tribulation. Such people will be caught up in the desire for comfort and prosperity. They will cherish the desire and order of modern life, their careers, professions, wealth and possessions. A great tribulation will come and God's remnant must be cleansed by the Word from those earthly desires. Honour, the fame, the name, and the properties that mundanely are so many things going on this sphere today.

An overcomer is not an earth-dweller for he or she overcomes the desire for earth-dwelling. We can overcome only when the mind is set on things above. This is the challenge before us. If we are caught up with earthly things, we cannot qualify as God's overcomers. Look at all that is happening in the world today. We are caught up with materialism, covetousness and greed, with the desire for more in many areas of our lives. Our jobs, our family life-styles, our homes, our possessions have lost their rightness because of the spirit of avarice, greed and the desire for more. People are jumping from one job to another for better pay and better benefits. People are striving to work in offices when their homes and children are suffering. Some people are working on two jobs so that they can have more money for comforts, more amenities, more welfare; it is an endless rat race. There is a rat-race for owning things, for better cars, for better homes, for more time for luxuries and fun; the list is endless. The sad thing is that we are moving into this life-style of acquiring earthly things. This is the condition of our times. In his letter to Timothy, "You may as well know this too, Timothy, ***it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian. For people will love their money; they will be proud and boastful, sneering at God and despising his parents, ungrateful to them, and thoroughly bad. (2 Tim 3:1-2)*** **this is! The apostle Paul saw the condition of our times by the first century!**

Saints, we should not to be caught up with earthly things and worldly desires though we may find our dear and near relatives and other saints

indulging in earthly goings-on. Many believers have become
life. Saints, our minds are to be on that which is spiritual and
His church to hold fast to what is heavenly and eternal, to that
that the word would be fulfilled in our lives despite our spiri
waste our lives on these temporal earthly things. We are to
spiritually rich on the earth at this time and even more when
we are to hold on to. We have to be very careful how we live
that He is sending His Word into our lives. **Remember**, an o
earth-dweller for his mind will be set on the things that are :

Rev 3:11

“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that

Rev 3:11 AMP

*“I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one
you of your crown.”*

What a word to His church! We are to hold fast to what we
given to us—those spiritual, heavenly and eternal things. U
hold fast to the word of His patience, His spiritual counsels,
has deposited in us. This we must do so that no one can rot
crowns. That is the call for the overcomers.

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