

Isaiah 9:8-10:4  
Sermon Notes  
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What's Wrong with the World?

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How can I make the world better?

1. Reject pride

Genesis 11:4 ESV

4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

Matthew 19:24 ESV

24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

Matthew 19:14 ESV

14 but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Proverbs 13:10 NLT

10 Pride leads to conflict; those who take advice are wise.

Philippians 2:4 ESV

4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

How can I make the world better?

2. Avoid self-deception

Revelation 3:17 ESV

17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

"One of the painful things about our time is that those who feel certainty are stupid, and those with any imagination and understanding are filled with doubt and indecision."

Bertrand Russell

How?

- a. Be wary of over-confidence
- b. Apply judgments of others to yourself
- c. Accept input

Romans 12:3 ESV

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Matthew 7:1 NLT

1 "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged.

Hebrews 3:13 ESV

13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

How can I make the world better?

3. Stop thinking about yourself long enough to help others

James 3:16 ESV

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

Proverbs 18:1 NLT

1 Unfriendly people care only about themselves; they lash out at common sense.

Acts 20:35 ESV

35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

How?

- a. Pray
- b. Deny self
- c. Honor others

Psalms 119:36 ESV

36 Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

Luke 9:23-24 ESV

23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Romans 12:10 NLT

10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.