

Separation (Part 2)

Lesson 30- Spiritual Discipleship and Growth

Intro: Today we are going to continue our lesson on separation.

Separation is a very difficult thing for many Christians today. Separation has to do more with just the way we conduct ourselves in public. It also involves our time when we are home with family or even by ourselves. The reason for separation is not to benefit others (although it has that affect) it is a result of our love for the LORD!

In our own personal walks with God it is He that is our standard. We have many excuses and often use other Christians or even the world as the bar. Let us be careful not to grow complacent with our separation. Remembering that the standard is the Lord and He will guide and help you in this walk.

1 Peter 1:15-16

"But as he which hath called you is _____, so be ye _____ in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye _____; for I am _____."

Galatians 5:13-14

Some Areas of Personal Separation:

A: The things I will allow my eyes to see:

1. Psalm 101:2-3.

"I will _____ with in my house with a _____."

"I will set _____ before mine eyes."

2. Job 31:1, 7.

Job made a _____ with his eyes never to look upon evil.

This area of personal separation applies to many common practices, such as:

Watching Movies:

Watching Television:

Spending Time Online:

Playing Electronics:

Reading Books:

Reading Magazines:

This is not an exhaustive list. Just a few ideas to help us!

We are not going to go through each section and try to determine what is right for you and what is not. I would however plead with you to ask God those questions. Remember that the standard is holiness.

Job made a covenant with his eyes because he understood this simple thought.

Garbage in = Garbage out

When we allow ourselves to look at something with our eyes it becomes very easy for that thing to consume our thoughts and eventually our heart.

Let us make a covenant with our eyes before the Lord.

I _____ make a covenant with God as my witness to keep my eyes separated from the things of this world and focused on God.

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B: Places I will allow myself to go:

We are taught from the Bible that the Lord Jesus may come at any moment, and that we should never be ashamed to meet Him.

1 John 2:28 *“And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be _____ before him at his coming.”*

Ask yourself: Would God be pleased if He were to return this very moment?

C: The things I wear:

The area of fashion is a difficult one for many believers. This is because fashions go through cycles of extremes. From weird to conservative, from short shorts to ankle length, from modest to immodest, ect. The Bible does however; give clear instruction in this area:

1 Corinthians 7:31

The fashion of the world “_____”.

1 Timothy 2:9

The standard for Christian women is _____ apparel

Isaiah 47:2-3

Bare thighs is equated with nakedness.

Deuteronomy 22:5

Men and women were created differently and therefore in God’s eyes they should dress differently. Let us men dress like men and our ladies dress like ladies.

D: The things I say:

Ephesians 4:29

“Let no _____ communication proceed out of your mouth...”

This is only part of the command.

“...but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”

Ephesians 5:19

“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual sings, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;”

Our speech should be Christ centered.

Closing: There are many excuses Christians often use for not living separated lives.

1. Other Christians don’t have your standards.
2. The most important thing is to win souls, and to do this I have to be acceptable to the lost.
3. I have liberty in Christ.

Let us allow God to be our standard and follow after Him. He will guide and help us when we allow Him too. The key is allowing Him too.

Galatians 5:16 *“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”*