

**THERE IS SOMETHING CALLED SEPARATION**  
WHATEVER IT IS, IT IS SOMETHING WE ARE TO PRACTICE.

2 Corinthians 6:17 “Wherefore **come out from among** them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,”

There are some people we are to separate from, who are they?

2 Corinthians 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

There is filthiness, both of flesh and spirit, we are to cleanse ourselves from. What is it? Who is it? Where is it?

The Bible discusses the matter of separation.

America is being eroded by our lack of willingness to be separate.

Education in our nation is being eroded by our lack of separation.

**Through music, movies, and promiscuous language, our homes are being infiltrated by things we, as parents, do not believe.**

**Look back at the era of the Beatles’ day -- dads should have said, “NO!”**

**Dads should have said, “NO” to the rebellion, the mini-skirts, and the dirty attitudes.**

The **American Home** (and by the way, Biblical home) is being eroded by our lack of separation.

Our children’s teachers and friends, the dances they attend, the television programs they watch, and countless other things are tearing down the very foundation upon which a good home is built.

Except the Lord build the house...

**Virtue** is being eroded by our lack of separation. The loss of our high standard of moral conduct as seen on television and the movies, in books, and of course, on the Internet have brought an end to virtue in countless lives.

**Our churches** are being eroded by our lack of separation. Without separation, we lose the presence and blessing of God.

Hebrews 1:9 “Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity...”

Psalm 1:1 “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”

If we are not to walk in the counsel of the ungodly, about whom is God talking? Who are these ungodly people we are not to listen to?

Proverbs 7:10 “And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.”

So what is it that a harlot wears that a Christian lady should not wear?

Proverbs 13:20 “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”

Who are these people God makes it clear that we should not walk with?

We do not like to point out the specifics, but we must. How can I tell my son not to walk with fools without pointing out who a fool is?

How can I tell a girl not to dress like a harlot unless I point out what a harlot wears?

How can I keep from listening to the counsel of the ungodly without knowing who the ungodly are?

We live in a society that likes to hear about the Bible, but does not want to apply it. We hear the Bible on Sunday, but ignore it in our daily lives Monday through Friday, yet we still want to live our own way.

If God says don't, then He means there are some things we should not do. We need to know what those things are. Name them!

Romans 16:17 “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid **them**.”

2 Thessalonians 3:14 “And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.”

Galatians 1:9 “As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”

**Who are the preachers Paul pronounces a curse upon? Are we ashamed to point out about whom God might be warning us?**

1 Corinthians 5:11 “But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.”

The list here is clear enough to even the casual reader. We need to be careful with whom we associate. We need not be more concerned about hurting a person's feelings than we are about offending God.

2 Thessalonians 3:6 “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.”

2 Thessalonians 3:14 “And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.”

The Bible is full of passages that teach us that we are to be separate.

Our desire to fit into this world causes us to justify our choices of little league, public schools, immodest dress, casual booze drinking, adultery, filthy television shows, dancing, and worldly music.

We all have a right to do what we want, but don't miss this: God says to be separate. If you are afraid to say what we are to be separate from, then perhaps it is because you do not want to be separated.

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