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COMPELLED: Taking the Gospel to the World

Lesson Seven • 2 Corinthians 6:11–7:1
Separated Living

Two Ditches of Separated Living: **LEGALISM** and **LAWLESSNESS**.

Both extremes miss the **HEART** of the problem!

“Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.” (6:14) ESV
“Do not be bound together with unbelievers;” NASB

SEPARATED living compels us to share the gospel with unity and commend the gospel with purity.

Characteristics of Separated Living

1. Separated Living **RESULTS** in Open Hearts and Open Mouths.

*A divided heart **CLOSES** our hearts and **SHUTS** our mouths. (6:11-13)*

*But separated living compels us to share the gospel with **BOLDNESS** and commend the gospel with **HOLINESS**.*

Far from **ISOLATING** us from others, gospel-centered separated living *opens our hearts wide* to both believers and unbelievers while maintaining purity and growing in holiness!

2. Separated Living **REFUSES** to Be Unequally Yoked with Unbelievers.

- The Powerful Metaphor: Don't use **UNEQUAL** animals in a double harness. (6:14a)

“You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.”
Deuteronomy 22:10

A difference in *size, strength, and stride* will never plow a **STRAIGHT** line!

- The Penetrating Means: Five **CONVICTING** questions with one obvious answer. (6:14b-16a)

What PARTNERSHIP has	RIGHTEOUSNESS with	LAWLESSNESS?	NONE!
What FELLOWSHIP has	LIGHT with	DARKNESS?	NONE!
What HARMONY has	CHRIST with	BELIAL/SATAN?	NONE!
What PORTION does a	BELIEVER share with an	UNBELIEVER?	NONE!
What AGREEMENT has the	TEMPLE of GOD with	IDOLS?	NONE!

- The Practical Message: No **COMMITMENT** that *controls* your loyalty to God, *corrupts* your body/spirit, or *compromises* your conscience.

3. Separated Living **REVELS** in God's Presence Dwelling with His People as His Temple.

- The **PARTIAL** fulfillment in Christ and His church. (6:16b)
- The **PROMISES** that motivate separated living. (6:16b-18)
 1. God's holy presence **DWELLS** with His people. (16b)
 2. God's holy pleasure to **WELCOME** His repentant people. (17)
 3. God's holy paternity **FATHERS** His sons and daughters. (18)

4. Separated Living **RESPONDS** to God's Command to Keep on Cleansing Our Lives. (7:1)

- **RELY** on God's promises and presence with us in Christ. (7:1a)
- **REPENT** by cleansing ourselves of everything that might defile us externally or internally. (7:1b)
- **REALIZE** this daily cleansing is part of God's ongoing process to make us holy as He is holy. (7:1c)

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Let's GO PLOW and SOW Together!!