

Lost and Found

Pt. 4 – Separation

2 Cor. 6:14 **Do not be yoked together with unbelievers.**

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Ecc. 4:9 **Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: ¹⁰If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! ¹¹Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? ¹²Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.**

2 Cor. 6:14 **Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? What fellowship can light have with darkness? ¹⁵What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? ¹⁶What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." ¹⁷"Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord.**

2 Cor. 6:14-17 **Don't become partners with those who reject God. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That's not **partnership**; that's **war**. Is **light** best friends with **dark**? Does Christ go strolling with the Devil? Do trust and mistrust hold hands? Who would think of setting up pagan idols in God's holy Temple? But that is exactly what we are, each of us a temple in whom God lives. God himself put it this way: "I'll live in them, move into them; I'll be their God and they'll be my people. So leave the corruption and compromise; leave it for good," says God. "Don't link up with those who will pollute you. I want you all for myself." (The Message)**

Self-Evaluation:

Do I tolerate things I used to think were sin?

Do I excuse my actions based on culture?

Am I different than the world around me?"

Which matters most – what people think or what God says?

Do I measure myself by people's approval or by God's Word?

Have I re-defined sin?

Principle: When I turn a command into a conviction I risk the consequence.

2 Cor. 6:17 “Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.” ¹⁸“I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

2 Cor. 7:1 Since we have these promises, dear friends let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

2 Cor. 7:1 Let's make a clean break with everything that defiles or distracts us, both within and without. Let's make our entire lives fit and holy temples for the worship of God. (The Message)

Does this honor God?

When in doubt, don't.