

Separate Living: Separate from Unsaved and Immoral

I. Introduction

- A. What happens when good fruit stays close to rotten fruit?

- B. Do you believe in “*relationship evangelism*,” or developing an ongoing relationship with someone in the hopes of someday sharing the gospel with them? Why/Why not?

- C. Why do many Christians spend lots of time with the unsaved in social settings, social media, in friendship, in chosen business relationships, hobbies, athletics, concerts, meals, or other social gatherings?

- D. Do you have family, co-workers, or other social relationships that you and/or your children probably should not spend as much time around (which may make your spiritual struggles tougher)?

II. Scripture

- A. **2Co. 6:14-18**—“14-*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?* 15-*And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?* 16-*And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.* 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,* 18-*And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*”

- B. **Deu. 7:2b-3**—“2b-*thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:* 3-*Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.*”

- C. **Psa. 1:1-3**—"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. 2-But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. 3-And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."
- D. **Rev. 18:4**—"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."
- E. **Psa. 106:35-39**—"35-But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. 36-And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. 37-Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, 38-And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. 39-Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions."
- F. **Pro. 22:24-25**—"24-Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: 25-Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul."
- G. **1Co. 5:9-13**—"9-I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: 10-Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. 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. 12-For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? 13-But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person."

H. **James 4:4**—"*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*"

III. Application

A. Describe the cost of separating yourself from the unsaved and world?

B. Do you believe it is worth it for you to be holy and separate from sin, immoral Christians, and non-believers? Explain.

C. Are there relationships you need to eliminate?

D. Are there social media habits that need to be stopped to remove the influence of the unsaved or immoral on you or your loved ones?

E. Is it worth it to be holy and live separately from the world?

F. Will you be holy, be separate, so you can be most loving and close to God?

G. What are some specifics that you think might help you or others do so?