



PRIMARY SCRIPTURES

14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
17 Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,
18 and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”
7 Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

SUMMARY

We are easily influenced. Jerry Bridges wrote in his book, *The Pursuit of Holiness*, “Many Christians have what we might call a ‘cultural holiness’. They adapt to the character and behavior pattern of Christians around them.” The same is also true how we can adapt to the values and behavior of unbelievers, and as a result, see subtle shifts of our affections for and worship of God to the things of this world. 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 will expose the danger we face and provide the Truth our hearts need to keep God as the only focus of our love and worship.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How is Paul comparing and contrasting believers with unbelievers in verses 15 -16?
2. To yoke means to unite, join or combine something. In your opinion, why is Paul telling the Corinthians not to yoke themselves with unbelievers in 2 Cor 6:14-7:1?
3. Read 1 Cor 10:1-22. Why do you think Paul reminded the Corinthians of what the Israelites endured as they fell into sin and corruption? How does this relate to what we are studying today?
4. What are some examples of relationships that can have a passive influence on you, capable of pulling your affections away from God?
5. Jesus warned his disciples about defilement of the world, and we receive the same warning through God’s Word. Read Romans 12:1-2, 16:17-18, Colossians 3:1-2, 1 Tim 6:11-12. Why is God commanding we separate from the world? In what ways does this separation protect you? In your opinion, what does this look like in 2021?
6. As believers, we are in a covenant relationship with God - our responsibility in this covenant is to keep our relationship with Him pure and free from idolatry. Are you in the kind of relationship with an unbeliever that is moving your heart away from a pure and idol free relationship with God? What do you believe God is asking of you in regards to that relationship?
7. Are you taking on the flavor of the soup in which you live? From what impurity do you need to cleanse yourself “bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God”?

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