

*“Committed & Consecrated.1”*  
Real Ministry in a Dot.Com World • part 14  
2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1

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INTRODUCTION

“The real irony is that we have assumed that growing church membership means that the ranks of the Christian army are growing, whereas the number of combat troops is in fact shrinking. Churches have become hospitals where sin-sick souls are given aspirin and entertainment to distract them from the diseases of their souls. God forgive us; we are more concerned with numbers than with holiness. The church’s growth is largely a cancerous growth, and we do not even know it.” – Pastor Steven Butts

“Men are never duly touched and impressed with a conviction of their insignificance until they have contrasted themselves with the majesty of God.” – John Calvin

*1. Committed to redeemed relationships* (6:11-13)

*2. Consecrated to the Redeemer* (6:14-7:1)

- definitions

+ “unequally yoked”

+ “unbelievers”

- prohibition: intimate, voluntary relationships

“The attempt...of Christians to remain Christians and retain their inward state as such, and yet to enter voluntarily into intimate fellowship with the world, is as impossible as to combine light and darkness, holiness and sin, happiness and misery.”

– Charles Hodge

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- why?

Ezr. 9:13-10:2; Jms. 1:27; 4:4

+ separation \_\_\_\_\_ us from the ways of the world  
Rev. 18:4

+ God’s \_\_\_\_\_ demands separation  
Deut. 6:14-15

- opposite bookend (7:1)

+ why...

+ how...

CONCLUSION

“Separation is not isolation. Separation is no insulation. Separation is contact without contamination.” – Warren Wiersbe

- Does what I’m doing honor God?  
1 Cor. 10:31
- Does what I’m doing have even the *appearance* of evil?  
1 Thess. 5:22, κϒ
- Does what I’m doing encourage one weaker in faith to sin?
- Does what I’m doing lay a weight of oppression on my soul?
- Does what I’m doing make prayer more difficult for me?
- Does what I’m doing steal my attention away from the Savior?
- Can I ask God to bless what I’m doing?

“...do not forget the culture of the inner man—I mean of the heart. How diligently the cavalry officer keeps his sabre clean and sharp; every stain he rubs off with the greatest care. Remember you are God’s sword, His instrument—I trust, a chosen vessel unto Him to bear His name. In great measure, according to the purity and perfection of the instrument, will be the success. It is not great talents God blesses so much as likeness to Jesus. A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God.”

– R.M. M’Cheyne