

SEPARATED FOR SUCCESS (Ephesians 5:6-11)

II Thessalonians 3:6 Undoubtedly Paul the Apostle was the most successful believer of the N.T. What made Paul successful in pleasing the Lord in his daily walk was his biblical separation.

Luke 15:11-15 The best example of a believer that gets themselves in trouble with their Christian walk and their testimony is one that does not stay separated from the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

POSITIONAL SEPARATION

I Corinthians 1:1-2 Notice that Paul says that the church members are 'sanctified' (separated unto God) and are called 'saints' (a believer in Christ).

I Corinthians 6:11 The believer is not only separated but has been washed clean and justified (accounted as not guilty) by the Lord Jesus Christ and thus is positionally set aside for God's use.

I Thessalonians 4:7 Not only are we called to be separated and justified but also called to be holy (devoted, sacred, dedicated). Every believer called to separation is responsible to walk accordingly.

SEPARATION IS TWOFOLD

Colossians 1:13 We have been separated FROM the power of darkness INTO the kingdom of Jesus.

Leviticus 20:26 A great O.T. example of God's people called to be holy and separated from others.

John 5:24 Jesus promises that believers have passed FROM death UNTO life.

Romans 6:11 Paul preached that we are to reckon ourselves dead UNTO sin and alive UNTO God.

Revelation 1:5-6 Jesus washed us FROM our sin and made us kings and priests UNTO God.

SEPARATION MEANS DIFFERENCE

John 8:12 Jesus says that His followers should not live or walk in darkness but in the light of life.

John 3:18-21 Notice how simple Jesus makes it. The difference He is looking for in the believer is as simple as knowing right from wrong, light from darkness.

I John 3:9-10 The Apostle John also makes it simple to understand. If we are practicing sin without any repercussion we are not separated unto God but are living in the world and not pleasing God.

SEPARATION IS NOT ISOLATION

John 17:14-18 Jesus wants us in the world but does not want us to be part of the world system.

James 1:27 As we present Christ to the world we are not to allow the world to rub off on us.

Luke 19:1-10 Jesus condemned isolation from the world in the name of Godliness. We are to take any opportunity to reach out to the lost with the good news of Christ in hopes of getting them saved.

II Corinthians 5:19-20 The believer has important obligations to the lost as we represent Christ.

SEPARATION FROM APOSTASY

II Corinthians 6:14-18 This is a admonishment to keep God's work pure from apostasy (a person who willfully rebels away from known truth). Unequally yoked means serving God with unbelievers.

Titus 3:10 A heretic (a professed believer with contrary opinions of doctrine) God says to reject.

II John 9-10 Believers are not to fellowship or worship with those who refuse the doctrine of Christ.

