**Scripture /#19 (S) Separation**

Introduction

*1 Corinthians 15:33*Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

*James 3:11* Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

EXACTLY WHAT IS MEANT BY SEPARATION?

*Mark 12:30*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

*Hebrews 10:10*By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*1 Peter 1:15*But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

*Romans 13:13,14*Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

*Romans 12:1* I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

*Romans 12:2*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

*Proverbs 16:*17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

WHAT IS THE BASIS OF PRACTICAL SEPARATION?

*1 Peter 1:16* Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

*Hebrews 7:26* For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled,

separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

*1 Corinthians 6:19,20*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.

*2 Corinthians 5:17*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

*1 John 2:4-6* He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

*John 5:14* Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

*John 8:11* She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

*2 Corinthians 6:17*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

SEPARTION FROM THE WORLD

*John 15:19*If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

*1 John 2:15*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

*1 John 2:16*For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

*1 John 2:17*And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

*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.

*Romans 12:2*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

*James 1:27*Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

*Galatians 5:19-21*Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

SOME AREA'S OF PERSONAL SEPARATION

*Psalms 101:3*I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

*Job 31:1,7*I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;

*1 John 2:28*And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

*1 Corinthians 7:31*And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

*1 Timothy 2:9*In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

*Isaiah 47:2,3*Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.

*1 Corinthians 11:6*For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

*1 Corinthians 11:15*But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

*1 Corinthians 11:14*Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

*Deuteronomy 22:5*The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman’s garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

*Matthew 5:28*But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

*1 Thessalonians 4:4-7*That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know

not God: That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

*1 Corinthians 14:40*Let all things be done decently and in order.

*Ephesians 4:29*Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

*Ephesians 5:19*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

*Colossians 4:6*Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

*Philippians 2:9*Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name

which is above every name:

*Psalms 1:1*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.

*1 Corinthians 5:11*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.

*Proverbs 22:24*Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

*Proverbs 9:6* Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

*Proverbs 13:20* He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

*Proverbs 14:7* Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.

*Proverbs 23:9* Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

*Psalms 14:1* The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

*Proverbs 1:7* The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

*Proverbs 12:15* The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

*Proverbs 14:9* Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favor.

*Proverbs 16:27, 28* An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire. A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

*Proverbs 18:8* The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

*Proverbs 20:19* He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

*Proverbs 26:20-22* Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife. The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

*2 Thessalonians 3:11*For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

*1 Timothy 5:13*And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

SEPARATION IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIPS

*2 Corinthians 6:14*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

SEPARATION IN RELIGIOUS MATTERS

*Ephesians 5:11*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

*Amos 3:3*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

*2 John 9,10*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

*Romans 16:17*Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

THREE EXCUSES CHRISTIANS OFTEN USE FOR NOT LIVING SEPARATED LIVES

*1 John 2:12-14* I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name’s sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

*James 4:17*Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

*1 Thessalonians 5:22*Abstain from all appearance of evil.

*Galatians 5:13*For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

*1 Corinthians 6:12*All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

*1 Corinthians 10:23*All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

*1 Peter 2:16*As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

*1 Corinthians 8:9* But take heed lest by any means this liberty of your’s become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING A SEPARATED LIFE

*Psalms 119:15,105*I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

*Colossians 3:17*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

*Romans 14:21*It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

*Romans 14:22,23* Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

*Ephesians 5:10*Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

Close

*Proverbs 29:25* The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

*1 Thessalonians 5:22*Abstain from all appearance of evil.

*Proverbs 16:7*When a man’s ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.