

Grace Unraveled
Be Holy
2 Corinthians 6:3-7:1

In general, people do not like to be told what to do. In our society, any restriction of behavior is seen as a violation of some inalienable right. Moral guidelines that are meant to protect are viewed as oppressive and imposing and those who embrace those moral guidelines are treated as manipulative and controlling.

1. Kingdom life and mission requires _____
 - A. We gain credibility through _____
 - B. We gain credibility through _____
 - C. We gain credibility through _____
2. Kingdom life and mission requires _____
 - A. Community should _____ openly together
 - B. Community should not be _____
 - C. Community should be open to _____
3. Kingdom life and mission requires _____
 - A. Our separation identifies our _____
 - B. Our separation promises our _____
 - C. Our separation equips our _____

Often without even realizing it, we can become so entangled with the world and what it has to offer that we don't even realize our potential infidelity to Christ. We don't like to hear that something or someone has become an idol, but the Bible is faithful to address these idolatrous inclinations in us. Even though it seems unreasonable or even unfair, the authors of Scripture under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit have said these things for the good of the church back then and for the good of every believer now.

Reflection

How many of the hardships that Paul suffered in his context do we have to suffer in our context? Do you think it was easier to be a Christian back then or today? Is separation and holiness a theological truth that has no practical bearing in this life or are there practical ways that we can acknowledge and manifest a spiritual separation from the world? What does it mean to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers? Are there relationships in your life that tempt you toward worldliness?