

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ECCLESIASTICAL SEPARATION? Part Five: April 21, 2021

The Examples of Separation

- **What warning did Paul give Timothy about _____ association with false teachers?**
 - The Biblical mandate:
 - 2 Tim. 2:15-21: _____

 - The right approach to _____ (vs. 15).
 - Study = be _____
 - Rightly divide = correctly handle, cut straight
 - The right rejection of _____ (vs. 16-18).
 - _____ = stay away, step around, keep back
 - The right reaction to false teachers (vs. 19-21).
 - These = vessels of _____ = false teachers
 - Depart, purge himself (thoroughly cleanse)
 - The right reason for _____ (vs. 21).
 - To be honorable, holy, useful, and prepared.
 - Application:
 - Are you _____ yourself thoroughly for the Master's use?
 - Not just from the vessels of dishonor,
 - But from impurity of every kind, from every source?
 - Are you honorable, holy, useful, and ready to serve the Lord?

The Imperatives for Separation

- **Question:**
 - What are the _____ reasons to separate?
- **Later on:**
 - What are the wrong reasons to separate?
- **Four Biblical Imperatives:**
 - Addressed to:
 - Godly _____
 - Such as Timothy and Titus
 - Specific local churches
 - An entire congregation acting _____
 - Individual _____
 - Within a corrupted or divided church

- Most also apply to:
 - _____ believer (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
 - When the entire church refuses to _____
 - What is right for leaders is right for _____ too.
 - Acts 19:8-9: _____
 - _____

- They are:
 - Separate from _____.
 - Separate from false teachers/false teaching.
 - Separate from _____ or disobedient brethren.
 - Separate from divisive _____.

- **Biblical Imperative No. 1:**

- _____ from unbelievers.
 - 2 Cor. 6:14-18: _____
 - _____
 - See also 2 Cor. 11:12-15: _____
 - _____
 - Context of:
 - The local _____
 - Addressed to:
 - Individual believers in the church
 - Leaders in the church
 - Imperatives:
 - Be not unequally _____ (vs. 14).
 - Come out from among them and be _____ (vs. 17).
 - Touch not the _____ thing.
 - Example: Acts 19:8-9