

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ECCLESIASTICAL SEPARATION? Part Six: April 28, 2021

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.
 - They are:
 - Separate from _____.
 - Separate from false teachers/false teaching.
 - Separate from _____ or disobedient brethren.
 - Separate from divisive _____.
- **Biblical Imperative No. 2:**
 - Separate from false teachers/false teaching:
 - **2 Tim. 2:15-21** (the “vessels of _____”)
 - Addressed to:
 - Godly _____ and servants
 - Context of:
 - The “great house” of Christianity at large
 - Imperatives:
 - _____ false teaching (vs. 16)
 - _____ from iniquity (vs. 19)
 - _____ yourself from false teachers (vs. 21)
 - What false teaching must we avoid?

○ See 2 Cor. 11:3-4: _____

- Another _____
- Another spirit
- Another _____

▪ **1 Tim. 6:3-6:**

• Addressed to:

- _____
- Application to individual believers

• Context:

- _____ church (see 3:15)
- Also universal

○ Description of false teachers:

○ Their methods:

- Teach otherwise = a _____ doctrine
- Consents not to wholesome words = won't come near _____ doctrine
- Questions = debates
- Strifes of words = word _____, marked by:
 - Strife = contention
 - Railings = evil speaking, slander
 - Evil surmisings = evil suspicions
 - Perverse disputings = wranglings, irritations

○ Their mindset:

- _____ = has become and is puffed up
- Knows nothing = not even one thing
- Doting = _____ in the mind
- Corrupt = defiled and decaying, rotting

○ Their motive = _____

- Gain = a way to make _____

• Imperatives:

- _____ thyself (vs. 5) = "remove, forsake, stand apart"
- See Deut. 13:6-10: _____

Application

• **Which phrase describes your mindset?**

- Gain is _____,
 - 1 Tim. 6:10: _____

- Or godliness with _____ is great gain?
 - Philippians 4:11: _____
