

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ECCLESIASTICAL SEPARATION?  
Part Seven: May 5, 2021**

**The Imperatives for Separation**

• **Four Biblical Imperatives:**

- Separate from \_\_\_\_\_.
- Separate from false teachers/false teaching.
- Separate from \_\_\_\_\_ or disobedient brethren.
- Separate from divisive \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Biblical Imperative No. 3:**

- Separate from disorderly and disobedient \_\_\_\_\_:
  - 1 Cor. 5: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
    - Addressed to:
      - The local church (application of church \_\_\_\_\_)
      - \_\_\_\_\_ individual believers!
    - Context of:
      - The local church
    - Imperatives:
      - \_\_\_\_\_ the disobedient person to Satan (vs. 5)
      - \_\_\_\_\_ out old leaven (vs. 7)
      - Not to keep \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 11)
      - Put away that wicked person (vs. 13)
  - 2 Thess. 3:6-15: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
    - Addressed to:
      - The local church (application of church discipline)
      - Application to individual believers in a \_\_\_\_\_ church
    - Context of:
      - The local church
    - Imperatives:
      - \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves (vs. 6) = “shrink back”
      - Note that man (vs. 14) = “\_\_\_\_\_, tag”
      - Have no company (vs. 14) = “don’t mix together”
    - Motives = desire for \_\_\_\_\_ and restoration
      - “Be \_\_\_\_\_” = sense of shame that causes a

person to change his mind and turn his life around

- “\_\_\_\_\_” = exhort, correct, warn (in love)

- The application for a believer in a disorderly church:

- 1 Tim. 1:19: \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Biblical Imperative No. 4:**

- Separate from \_\_\_\_\_ leaders:

- Rom. 16:17-18: \_\_\_\_\_

- See also Acts 20:28-31: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Addressed to:

- Individual believers or local church

- Context of:

- \_\_\_\_\_

- Imperatives:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 17) = “scope out, spy out, keep an eye on”

- \_\_\_\_\_ = “swerve away”

- Characteristics of divisive leaders:

- They cause “\_\_\_\_\_” = standings apart, factions.

- They create “offenses” = scandals, stumblingblocks.

- They serve their own \_\_\_\_\_ (eating sheep).

- They \_\_\_\_\_ people.

- They sound good but cannot be trusted.

- “Good words” = \_\_\_\_\_ speaking

- “Fair speeches” = flattery, insincere blessings

- Titus 3:10-11: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- Addressed to:

- Godly \_\_\_\_\_

- Context of:

- The local church

- Imperatives:

- \_\_\_\_\_ = “refuse, put aside, beg off from” the “heretic” (a person who chooses a \_\_\_\_\_)

**Conclusion**

• **Notice what is missing—separations arising from:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ or opinions
  - The color of the carpet, etc.
- Party \_\_\_\_\_
  - Murmuring of Grecians vs. Jews
- \_\_\_\_\_
  - “I am of Paul, Apollos, Cephas, etc.”
- Power grabs
  - Diotrephes

• **Are you doing everything in your power to protect the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit in the bond of peace?**

- Psalm 133: \_\_\_\_\_  
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