

## The Principle and Practice of Separation

### Introduction

How do we balance the principle of living in the world but not being of the world in relation to believers?

- I. The Principle and Practice of Separation in the OT
  - A. Deut 7:1-6
  - B. Lev 20:7,26
  - C. Isa 45:20-25
  
- II. The Principle and Practice of Separation in the NT
  - A. 2 Tim 3:1-5
  - B. I Peter 2:9
  - C. James 1:27
  - D. 2 Cor 6:14-18
  - E. James 4:4
  - F. Eph 5:8-11
  - G. Acts 19:8-9
  
- III. The Perpetual Principles of Separation
  - A. Prov. 1:15
  - B. Prov 12:26
  - C. Prov 13:20
  - D. Psalm 1:1
  
- IV. The Principle and Practice Toward Believers
  - A. Rom 16:17-18
  - B. 2 Thess 3:6
  - C. 2 Thess 3:14
  - D. Matthew 5:13-16
  - E. Romans 12:1-2

### 2 Thess 3:10-16

- A. The Principle :10-11  
No Work “Ergozomai” Busybodies, Meddle “Periergozomai”
  
- B. The Plea :12-15  
1 For the Busybodies :12  
Do Work Quietly Non disturbing- opposite of meddler and busybody  
Eat your own bread- (From your own labor)

2 For the Busy :13  
Don't Quit

3 For All Believers :14-15  
Request- If Disobey- Disassociate I Cor. 5:9,11

Reason- Shame them (To turn -neut ) Ps34:26, Titus 2:8, I Cor. 4:14

Reality- They are still in the family- Brother  
Admonish Noutheteo- Neuthetic counseling- (Exhort- Admonish)

I Thess. 5:12,14 ( Rom. 15:14, I Cor. 4:14, Col. 1:28 3:16)  
Balance of grace and truth- When is enough, enough? 2 Cor. 2:5-11

#### C. The Prayer :16

This is for all of the church in Thessalonica.  
Conflict in the Church but Peace with the People

The church will always have conflict. Be honest with the issue. We must be transparent and straight forward with the problem and solution, based on faith working through love- bathed in the balance of grace and truth. I Th 5:23, Rm 15:33, 16:20