

Message 2

# BIBLICAL INSTRUCTIONS ON SEPARATION

REFERENCE	WHO IS INVOLVED	WHAT THEY DO	WHAT WE ARE COMMANDED TO DO
Eph. 5:7,11	Immoral, impure, covetous, idolatrous persons	Practice immorality, impurity, and greed.	<i>Do not have things in common with them. Do not participate in the unfruitful works of darkness but . . . expose them.</i>
Titus 1:13	Judiazers and Gnostics professing Christianity	Rebel and speak against the truth, deceive believers, upset whole families, teach false doctrine, seek personal gain.	<i>Reprove them severely that they may be sound in the faith.</i>
I John 4:1-3	Many false prophets	Deny the incarnation of Christ — that He has come in the flesh.	<i>Do not believe every Spirit but test the spirits whether they are from God.</i>
II John 7-11	Many deceivers who personify the antichrist	Do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as having come in the flesh. They go beyond sound teaching and do not abide in the teaching of Christ.	<i>Do not receive him into your house, do not give him a greeting, do not wish him well.</i>
II Timothy 3:5	Wicked men holding to an outward form of godliness, while professing adherence to Christianity	Deny the power of godliness (they continue to refuse God's transforming power in their lives).	<i>Avoid (turn away from) such men as these.</i>
Galatians 1:6-9	Judaizers (They <i>added</i> circumcision to the gospel as a requirement for salvation)	Preach a different gospel of a completely different kind, distort (completely change) the gospel of Christ.	<i>Let him be accursed (devoted to divine judgment).</i>
II Cor. 6:14-18	Unbelievers, unregenerate but religious pagans	That which by nature unbelievers and pagans do.	<i>Stop being yoked unequally together with them. Come out from their midst. Be separated (Draw a boundary line between yourself and them).</i>
II Thess. 3:6,14,15	Disobedient believers — "brothers"	Conduct themselves contrary to the prescribed order. Refuse to obey Paul's instructions as recorded in inspired Scripture.	<i>Withdraw yourself (avoid) from him. Take special note of that man (mark him). Have no company with him (Do not associate with him). Keep admonishing him as a brother.</i>
Titus 3:10	Professing Believers	As to doctrine, they teach heresy (wrong doctrine) -- as to conduct, they are factious persons (cause divisions and factions).	<i>After a first and second warning, reject them.</i>
Rom. 16:17-20	Professing Believers	Cause divisions and offenses (entrapments) contrary to the accepted body of teaching. Use smooth speech. Deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.	<i>Keep your eye on them (mark them). Turn away from them (avoid them).</i>

**Please note** that the doctrine of separation applies to both *unbelievers* (Top Sections) and to *believers* (Bottom Sections). The practice of the doctrine of separation assures the purity and preservation of the other doctrines. This is a very general sampling of texts, not a comprehensive explanation of personal and/or ecclesiastical separation. Tit 1:13 is viewed by some as a reference to straying believers. Whatever their precise spiritual status, one's responsibility toward them is clear.