
Words of Truth

How Can You Be So At Home Around The Ungodly?

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The Bible teaches that there is a spiritual division between Christians and non-Christians (Acts 26:18-20 and Colossians 1:12-13). Those who sin do not have God as their father (I John 3:8-10). When Jesus spoke of those following Him, He said that they [we] are not of the world (John 17:14-16). Among the reasons Jesus died upon the cross was to deliver us from this evil world (Galatians 1:4).

There are many powerful verses in the Scriptures that show the difference between Christians and people of the world. These verses clearly display that there is a difference between God's people and those of the world. Consider two of those verses that shall set our minds on the course we are headed in this study: *"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God... And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness"* (James 4:4 and I John 5:19).

When you consider just the points we've addressed thus far in this article, one should begin to see that Christians and worldly people should not be comfortable around each other. It is not that we can never be around people of the world, but that we should not be comfortable around them. With God's approval, we have to be around worldly people at times (Luke 19:1-10 and I Corinthians 5:9-12). The fact that we have to be around worldly people at work, school, parks, etc.; does not mean we should desire such. That is the issue we are studying. We should not WANT to be comfortable in the company of those who are outside of Christ.

This Is What Our Mindset Should Be...

"I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked... Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God... Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge... I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.... Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you... And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them... Abstain from all appearance of evil" (Psalms 26:4-5, Psalms 119:115, Proverbs 14:7, Jeremiah 15:17, II Corinthians 6:14-17, Ephesians 5:11, and I Thessalonians 5:22).

When you read those Scriptures, what conclusions do you come to? How could you read those Scriptures and think that a godly-minded person will be at home around an ungodly person? Instead of embracing those who **will not** turn their lives to God, we should be putting distance between them and ourselves (I Timothy 6:3-5). To follow vain people is to show that we are void of spiritual understanding (Proverbs 12:11).

Our mindset should be that we refuse to conform to ungodly behavior (Romans 12:1-3). We are warned not to deceive ourselves into thinking that we cannot be influenced by ungodliness (I Corinthians 15:33). When those of the world press us to do things that are wrong, we should not consent (Proverbs 1:10-19). When you do so, you will find that worldly people will not be so happy around you any more. In fact, those of us who have been converted out of the world can tell you that our past “friends” think we are strange now that we refuse to do the things we used to do (I Peter 4:1-5). The point is worldly people should not feel comfortable in our company.

People Of The World Should Not Feel Too At Home Around You Either

Notice this Scripture: *“An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked”* (Proverbs 29:27). Did you catch what you just read? Read it again. Think about it. If people of the world are comfortable around you, what does that say about YOU?

How did people, who refused to be converted, feel about Jesus? Notice: *“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.** For every one that doeth evil **hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.** But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God”* (John 3:19-21).

You should be a walking “sermon” (Matthew 5:14-16 and Philippians 2:14-16). Your actions should make people feel guilty about their sinful behaviors. That is what Jesus did. To be clear, Jesus expects the way people looked at Him to be how they look at us too. Notice: *“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you”* (John 15:18-19). How can you be living like Christ if the people who despise our Lord are comfortable around you?

Conclusion

It is not that we need to go out and try to make enemies of worldly people. Of course, we want to teach and convert them (Mark 16:15-16). However, once those people reject Christ, we should not feel so comfortable around them. That is Scripturally clear. When we do feel at home around said individuals that tells you that there is some problem with you. You have to ask yourself how you can be comfortable around people who reject your Lord. You also need to ask yourself why your actions are not making those who reject Christ uncomfortable around you. There should be a spiritual distaste for people who do not love God in each of us (Psalms 139:21) rather than any level of comfort.