

STRENGTH in WEAKNESS

Remember Who You Are – And Whose You Are

2 Corinthians 6:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

The **context**:

The **command**: *Do not be “unequally yoked” ...*

Deuteronomy 22:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ *You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.*

A whole Bible principle for God’s people:

To Abraham – *“Go from your country, your kindred, and your father’s house” (Gen. 12:1)*

In the Promised Land – *“You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you.” (Lev. 18:3)*

In Judges – *“You shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land.” (Judges 2:2)*

Regarding Jesus – *“... he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” (John 10:3)*

Peter @ Pentecost – *“Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” (Acts 2:40)*

In the Last Days – *“Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues ...” (Rev. 18:4)*

The **principle**? _____

5 reasons:

Righteousness and lawlessness cannot be _____.

Light and darkness cannot be in _____.

Christ and the devil cannot be in _____.

A believer and non-believer cannot share spiritual _____.

The temple of God cannot house _____.

An command with a **promise**:

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 (ESV)

¹⁷ Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and **touch no unclean thing**; then I will welcome you, ¹⁸ and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

If I ...

Then God will ...

So, where do I **draw the line**?

Worship ...

Marriage ...

Friendship ...

Business ...

Some **diagnostic questions**:

Can I be in relationship with these non-Christians and still ...

When I am with non-Christians, do I find myself ...

When I am with non-Christians, do I find it easier to ...

Does my association with non-Christians tend to make me ...

When I am with non-Christians, does conversation ...

An obvious final **application**:

2 Corinthians 7:1 (ESV)

¹ Since we have these promises, beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement** of body and spirit, **bringing holiness to completion** in the fear of God.