Concept of Separation

- I. As a believer growing in the grace of God, you must cut yourself off from negative people. II Thess 3:6
- II. Bible separation is not just separation from the unbelievers, but also separation from the believers
 - A. Love designed for all believers are in the area of our thinking...we should not be bitter, hateful or jealous toward other Christians.
 - B. Christians are to be careful relative to close friends.
- III. There are certain types of carnal Christians from which we must separate ourselves. It is impossible to be separated from all carnality, because we cannot separate ourselves from ourselves!
 - A. I Cor 5:9-11 describes one type of carnality from which we are to separate
 - 1. Separate yourself from any believer involved in abnormal sex.
 - B. Stay away from people in REVERSE GEAR.
 - 1. II Thess 3:6; 3:14,15 & I Sam 22:1
 - 2. People who are more concerned with scruples than Scriptures.
 - C. Separate from people involved in pseudo-spiritually (non-Biblical) Rom 16:17, 18
 - D. Separate from the *FAST* crowd (Jet Set)
 - 1. I Peter 4:4, Proverbs 1:10-19
 - 2. I Peter 4:3

Concept of Separation (Continued)

- a. "lasciviousness" sexual
- b. "lusts" ego
- c. "excess of wine" drunkenness
- d. "revelings" drinking parties
- e. "banqueting" religious rites
- f. "abominable idolatries" demon worship
- E. Separate from apostate "FUN CROWDS"
 - 1. Jer. 15:17; superficial social life
- IV. Separation from unbelievers where the Word of God is compromised
 - A. If a believer marries an unbeliever, it is a compromise of the Word of God. II Cor. 6:14
 - B. Sometimes there can be a business relationship of a saved and lost person resulting in the compromise of the Word of God. Not every saved man working for a lost man is compromising.
- V. Separation from worldliness human viewpoint. Rom. 12:1, 2 Worldliness is not what you do, but what you think!!
- VI. Separation from religion (apostasy). Il Cor. 6:17