

PureMen Bible Study – Session 11 – 1/18/12

Something To Thank the Lord For?

Recite Memory Verse (1 Cor 6:19,20)

Review Study Questions from Chapter Ten – *Separating From the World* “ – *Be Ye Separate!*”

Follow-Up to Question #3 – What has “God called us to” do? [Separate ourselves from the world]

Q: What does it mean “to separate from the world?”

Q: Is this a biblical mandate? Yes! 2 Cor 6:14-18 “*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers...*” v. 17: “*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate...*”

From Scofield Study Bible: Separation in Scripture is twofold: “**from**” whatever is contrary to the mind of God; and “**unto**” God Himself. The underlying principle is that in a moral universe it is impossible for God to fully bless and use His children who are in compromise or complicity with evil. The unequal yoke is anything which unites a child of God and an unbeliever in a common purpose.

Separation calls for believers to **cleanse themselves** and to **perfect holiness** in our lives.

- God expects us to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and the spirit. All sin makes us dirty, but there are certain sins that especially pollute our flesh and other sins that especially pollute our spirit. Immorality, drunkenness, and fornication are sins of the flesh. Sins of the spirit are things like hatred and jealousy.
- God also expects us to **perfect holiness** in the fear of God. This is a continuous action. The word perfecting is an aggressive word demanding aggressive action. It means not only to practice but to finish and complete. The believer is, of course, to practice holiness (i.e. practice doing things that will make him holy). But he is to also do much more. He is to pursue holiness aggressively, seeking to perfect and complete holiness in his life. We can never become perfectly holy, but we do need to set our heart and mind upon becoming holy.
- Note the motive for holiness: **the fear of God**. Fear means not only “fear” but also “awe” and “reverence.” When a man really sees and understands God and what God has done for him, he ceases to fear men and instead fears God. He stands in awe of God, seeking to please Him by living a pure and holy life.

FireProof Video Excerpt
“*Breaking Free*”



Q: So, are we to live like the Amish? No! Being “separate from the world” **does not** mean that believers are to isolate themselves from unbelievers – never talking, sharing, or associating with them. How would we otherwise reach them with the Gospel? Believers are “in the world, but not of the world” – we live in the world, but we are not to take part in the sins of the world.



Q: How do we maintain the proper balance of “being in the world but not of the world?”

Follow-Up to Question #7 (1 Peter 5:8 “*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*”)

- **Sober:** Serious; solemn; calm and collected in spirit.
- **Vigilant:** Stay Alert, Watchful; Wake Up! Circumspect; attentive to discover and avoid danger, or to provide for safety.

Follow-Up to Question #8 (a & b)

Q: Agree / Disagree & Why?

Q: Can a proper balance be achieved and maintained in TV and Internet use? HOW?

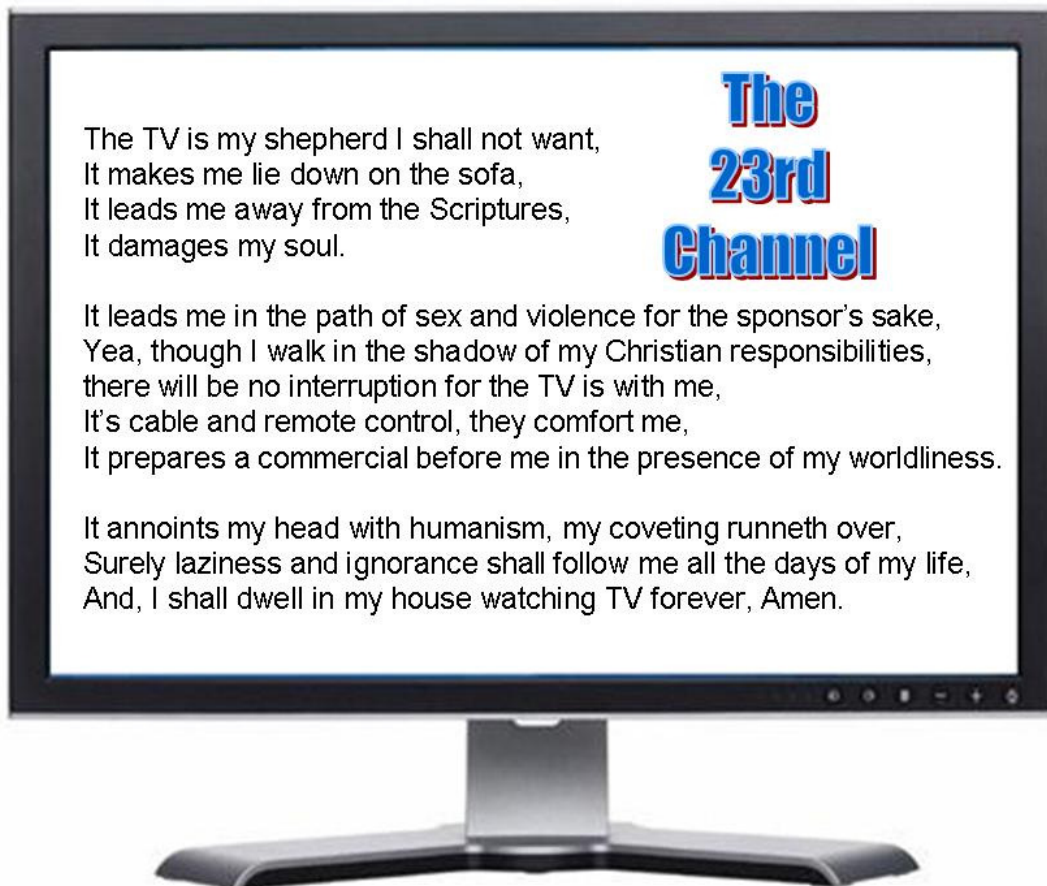
- **Review Resources for Internet filtering, etc...**

Q: What (if anything) are you going to do differently as a result of this week’s lesson?

Introduce Summit Stretch Challenge #2 – One Week Television Fast

Personal Examination Questions

Testimonies? Close in PRAYER!



Helpful Resources

Television / DVD Movies:

TV Guardian - The Foul Language Filter	Technology mutes our foul language on television and DVDs. Prices range from \$50 to \$100.	http://www.tvguardian.com
Clear Play	Edits out sex, violence, and profanity from regular DVD movies. DVD players range start at \$79.99.	http://www.clearplay.com
Parents Television Council	Provides television and movie reviews and general help and information for parents.	http://www.parentstv.org

Internet Filtering / Accountability Software:

Safe Families	Free Filtering Software	http://www.safefamilies.org
X3 Watch Pro	Accountability software - \$19.95. A scaled-down free version is also available.	http://www.x3watch.com
Safe Eyes	Internet Filtering Software - \$49.95	http://www.internetsafety.com
Covenant Eyes	Internet Filtering Software - \$7.99 per month	http://www.covenanteyes.com
Bsecure Online - Ultimate Online Family Protection	Internet Filtering Software - \$49.95	http://www.bsecure.com

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PASSIONATE ABOUT PURITY!

Beware of Strangers!

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small Texas town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on. As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors. My Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies. If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future. He took my family to our first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.) Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home...Not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our longtime visitor, however, got away with four letter words that burned in my ears and made my Dad squirm and my mother blush. My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol. But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing. I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... And never asked to leave. More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

What is his name?

We just call him **TV**. He also has a wife now...We call her **COMPUTER**.

-Author Unknown

**I WILL SET NO WICKED THING
BEFORE MINE EYES: I HATE THE
WORK OF THEM THAT TURN
ASIDE; IT SHALL NOT CLEAVE TO
ME.**

PSALM 101:3