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Sanctified

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WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE?

The POINT >

We are set apart in Christ to live holy lives.

> 1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-20

⁹ Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, ¹⁰ no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom. ¹¹ And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

¹² "Everything is permissible for me," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me," but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³ "Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will do away with both of them. However, the body is not for

sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ God raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Don't you know that your bodies are a part of Christ's body? So should I take a part of Christ's body and make it part of a prostitute? Absolutely not!

¹⁶ Don't you know that anyone joined to a prostitute is one body with her? For Scripture says, **The two will become one flesh.** ¹⁷ But anyone joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

¹⁸ Flee sexual immorality! Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the person who is sexually immoral sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

Butterflies have taste receptors on their feet to help them find food and identify plants when they land.²



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // PEOPLE

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Butterflies are fascinating creatures. They begin life as a caterpillar, and then experience a radical transformation to become something altogether different. Caterpillars have notoriously huge appetites. In fact, they eat 200 times their body weight in their less than two weeks of life as caterpillars.¹ They continually eat because they have a hunger that simply can't be satisfied. However, that's not the state for which they were created. Their purpose is fulfilled when, after experiencing a transformation inside the chrysalis, they emerge in splendor with wings adorned with gorgeous color and patterns and the ability to fly.

Many times, though we don't eat thousands of pounds of food every week, we live like the caterpillar in other ways. We are on an endless hunt to find satisfaction for our hearts' hunger, yet we remain unsatisfied. However, we were never designed to remain hungry and unfulfilled. Instead, we were designed to live in a relationship with God through the sacrifice of Christ. We were designed to find satisfaction in Him and to live set apart from the ways of a sinful world. We were designed to become something greater.

In 1 Corinthians 6, Paul sought to help us understand the process of being set apart from the rest of the world. That is what it means to be sanctified.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

1 How would you describe your life before you met Jesus?

2 How is your life different since following God?

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-17

3 What are some benefits of being united with Christ? What are the responsibilities?

4 Since all things are “permissible,” how do we know what is “beneficial”?

5 What are the priorities and goals of someone who is one with Christ?

Christians are not one with the world and its way of thinking, but we are one with Christ. We are set apart, and our actions should reflect that. #BSFLHolyVocab



1 CORINTHIANS 6:18-20

6 List a few practical ways you can flee from sin.

7 What does it mean that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit?

8 How can Christians live set apart for God in today's culture?



LIVE IT OUT



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We are called to be followers of Jesus, which means we are to live as He lived. We become more and more like Him as we choose to live in obedience to God's commands. But we don't have what it takes to live like Christ by our own strength, so the Holy Spirit is in our lives and He empowers us to live in obedience. From an eternal perspective, it's God at work in us that makes us like Christ. On the other hand, from an earthly perspective, we are responsible to obey God. This process, known as sanctification, occurs as we choose to live in obedience and allow God to work in us.

>CHRIST

We were never designed to remain ravenous, greedy caterpillars. God intends for us to be satisfied in Him and set apart for a greater purpose. This transformation occurs as we pursue our relationship with Christ every day.

9 How are you pursuing Christ every day?

10 What will you do this week to foster this process of sanctification?

11 This week, memorize 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY
& WORLD

> COMMUNITY

Proverbs 13:20 teaches us that, when we spend time with wise people, we ourselves become wise. One of the best ways to grow in Christlikeness is to spend time with others who love Jesus and live like Him.

12 Who are you spending time with that helps you to be more like Jesus?

13 How do you need to change the ways you spend your time, particularly with others?

14 How will you help someone else this week to grow in Christlikeness?



> CULTURE

Though we live “in” the world, we are not “of” the world (John 15:19; 17:14). This means the ways we live are to be clearly different than of those who aren’t followers of Jesus. This is what it means to be sanctified and set apart.

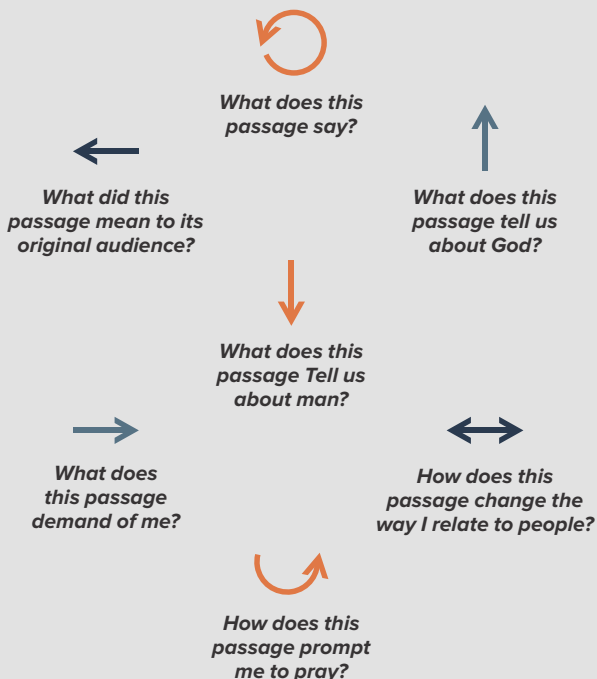
15 When has a non-believer taken notice of the ways you live?

16 How will you use this to point others to Jesus?

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day One 1 TIMOTHY 4:1

There's a statistic that's familiar to many in the church that says two-thirds of students who attended church in high school drop out during their college years.³ And this doesn't apply only to teens. Many people of all ages walk away from the church for one reason or another. This is certainly troubling; however, it shouldn't necessarily be surprising. When Jesus walked the earth, we saw over and over again that many who followed Him walked away. Beyond this, Paul (who wrote this letter to Timothy) shared that the Holy Spirit had explicitly revealed that many would walk away from the faith. This happens when people who had previously believed the Bible begin to pay attention to the messages of the world. And as these lies get a foothold in their hearts, they eventually reject the truth of Scripture and buy into the world's falsehoods.

- **When have you seen someone walk away from the faith?**
- **How did it impact you and others who cared about him or her?**

Day Two

1 TIMOTHY 4:2



When you turn on the stove to cook macaroni, you know not to touch the skillet because it will burn you. You know this because you've touched hot things before, and you have pain sensors in your body that warn you not to touch things that are burning hot. However, if we burn ourselves over and over, we destroy the nerves, and after this point, though we may burn ourselves, we wouldn't feel pain. Similarly, the conscience is the warning system built into our minds that keep us from doing things that will bring us harm emotionally, relationally, or spiritually. However, if we continue doing wrong and offending our conscience, it becomes insensitive—seared. Many people have left the faith due to the increasing insensitivity of their conscience.

- **When have you noticed that a pattern of sin in your life has led you to become insensitive to God?**
- **What is the appropriate response if we notice this in our own lives?**

Day Three

1 TIMOTHY 4:3

In the early church, many false teachers told others that it was a sin to be married and to eat certain foods. Their teachings held an element of truth, since the Bible does commend being single (1 Cor. 7:26-27), as well as abstaining from food for a time (Matt. 6:16-17). However, these teachers twisted the spirit of what God had communicated to His people, proclaiming a works-based salvation that was simply unbiblical. There are many things that people forbid, but God would allow, which—as long as we receive them in the right spirit and they move us to grateful hearts—are good things. The issue isn't whether or not we marry, the kinds of foods we eat, or so many other things. Instead, we need to ask ourselves: Can I receive these things in good conscience? Does participating in this build my faith? Can I receive this with gratefulness to God? If the answer is *no*, maybe it's not what God has for us. If yes, then perhaps those who would forbid it hold to a personal conviction, but not necessarily a biblical one.

- **What things have you known people to forbid that aren't necessarily in the Bible?**
- **How can you know what you are free to do versus what you shouldn't do?**

Day Four

1 TIMOTHY 4:4

The word *asceticism* refers to denying ourselves of pleasures, or even bringing pain upon ourselves, specifically for religious reasons. These false teachers held that any form of pleasure or indulgence was sin, and that identifying with Christ meant endless suffering in putting the flesh to death. The truth is we are called to be crucified with Christ—that is, we are to put to death the old self and its desires that are contradictory to God’s will. However, the death of the old self comes with the birth of the new, spiritual self, which finds joy in the things of God. When it comes to food, without eating, we wouldn’t have the strength to serve God. And without uniting with a spouse, we’d never fulfill our call to be fruitful, multiplying God’s image-bearers who reflect His glory. As our hearts and minds are shaped more fully into the likeness of Jesus, we’ll be disgusted by the things that offend God, and we’ll find joy in the things that bring God pleasure. These are reasons to be thankful.

- › **What do you find off-putting that you once enjoyed?**
- › **What brings you joy and gratitude to God which others may not appreciate?**

Day Five

1 TIMOTHY 4:5



Sanctified means to be set apart for God’s purposes. I can remember when I was young, the idea of having guitars and drums in the church was almost unthinkable. I even heard things like, “Those are the devil’s instruments!” And the truth is, depending on how they’re used, guitars and drums can be used to lead people to some pretty dark places. On the other hand, they can also be used to direct people’s hearts toward the beauties of God, moving them to engage with their Creator in meaningful ways. No instruments (or other created things) are intrinsically good or bad. They are amoral, neutral tools to be used for the purpose intended by the ones who use them. When we use what God has given in line with His Word, prayerfully seeking His direction, these things become set apart and provide great value to the kingdom.

- › **What is something you’d describe as “sanctified” or set apart because you’ve used it for God’s purposes?**
- › **How do you see your life as set apart?**