



“Set Apart”

Sun April 14, 2024

- I. **II Corinthians 6:14-18**
 - A. The Valley of Decision
 1. Two Roads....The Narrow that leads to Life & The Broad that leads to destruction (I shouldn't need to remind you of how few the number is that actually find the narrow path....look for the footprints of Jesus!)
 2. There is a system in place...and a spirit that controls it even today:
 - The System is Egypt
 - The Spirit is Pharaoh
 3. The System is designed to keep you in bondage, but it is subtle in its hidden plan:
 - It controls through worry, fear, confusion and pain.
 - It controls through comparison, envy, guilt, and shame.
 - The agenda: Keep you occupied with the cares of this life; keep you focused on the winds and the waves...If you feel at times you can never get ahead, sometimes you are just so fed up that you feel you can hardly breathe....God is speaking to you today...Choose you this day whom you will serve; as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!
 - B. **I Peter 2:9**
 1. **Peculiar – Far More Exceeding; Set Apart**
 2. You are more anointed than you know, but the world attempts to drain that power from you! (**I John 2:20** “You have an unction...”)
- II. The Key to Victory is Simple: Obtain an Excellent Spirit
 - A. **Daniel 6:3**
 1. **Excellent – Preeminent; Extraordinary; Superior**
 2. Preferred (Favored) – This is what separates you from the rest of the crowd / Joseph was favored because God was with him! (**Genesis 2-6**)
 - B. **Numbers 14:21-24**
 1. Caleb had another spirit (different – excellent).
 2. Notice what God said: “Caleb followed me fully!”
 - C. The Attributes of the Excellent Spirit
 1. **Committed** – Where are the Jacob's in this generation? (served 14 years because of his passion and love for one girl!) / Where are the Elisha's of this generation? (“As the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!”).
 - A throw away generation – if it isn't working, try something new (job, marriage, and even life itself....the broken home is contributed to one thing: no commitment!)

- Look at what is happening among college athletes – transfer portal / no one is talking about what will take place 10-20 years down the road!
- 2. **Fearless** – Who will stand up like the 3 men who stood against the king’s decree? Who will stand up like Caleb? Who will stand up like Jesus?
- 3. **True** – True to your word (Speak it and stand committed to it); True to your Calling (Nothing else matters but this: what does God want me to do?); True to the end (**Matthew 10:22** “*He that endures to the end, shall be saved.*”).