



“The People Factor”

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I. **Romans 12:1-2**

A. **Conformed**

1. **Fashion Alike; Conform to the Same Pattern**
2. **To Be Similar or Identical**
3. *“Do not be like the world....don’t act like the world, don’t talk like the world, Be like Jesus!”*

B. When the Word speaks of the world, who is it talking about?

1. Satan (obviously), who was the “god of this world”
2. People of the world
3. There are only 2 types of people on this earth (who are you?)
 - People of God
 - People of the World

C. Separate...Chosen People

1. This is the first thing when “dealing” with the people factor....in order to be different (God-like), you must be separate from them.
2. ***II Corinthians 6:14-18*** (You can choose your friends but not your family....this is not a true statement....I choose both...and I have peace!)
3. ***I Corinthians 15:33*** “*Bad company corrupts good morals.*” (You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people...).

II. How To Endure

A. Consider Jesus

1. **Hebrews 12:1-3**

- Jesus endured every temptation, every type of person you could imagine (Religious, Uneducated, Educated, Lawyers, Doctors, Disciples....)
 - Any time you have a thought of just moving away or you become weary because of people (their attitudes, their lack of knowledge, their religious spirit, or even people who are just worldly and evil)...Think about Jesus and what he had to endure (He was rejected and betrayed by everyone).
 - Even Jesus had moments.... “*How long am I going to be with you?*”
2. People will always be here...and evil men will wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived....so allow Jesus to be the light in your life that motivates you, not the evil that is in worldly people.

B. Love...and be Patient

1. What did Jesus say? Love your enemies, do good to those who do you wrong, and pray for those who spitefully use you.
2. ***James 1:2-4*** Count it all joy when “dealing with people...especially difficult ones...” - Remember Patience, because God is patient with you!