April 10, 2022 II Corinthians 6:14-7:1 "Sons And Daughters"

It has always been God's will for His people to be distinct from the world. Do not be involved with unclean "false teaching."

Enjoying God's presence requires personal holiness. Come out from them and be separate.

Sons and daughters, Isaiah 43:6. In Christ Jesus one may call God, "Father." From His sons and daughters the Father wants their obedience.

"Do not form any relationship, whether temporary or permanent, with unbelievers that would lead to a compromise of Christian standards or jeopardize consistency of Christian witness. And why such separation? Because the unbeliever does not share the Christian's standards, sympathies, or goals."

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Application:

Believers and unbelievers inhabit two opposing worlds. It is obvious that one cannot live in both. The believer focuses on the Word of God. The world focus is on the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life, I John 2:15-17. In Corinth the former way of life was hard to break away from for many of the church members. They failed to make a clean break, the lure of former sins had proven hard to shake. To add to this undertow, the false apostles made it even harder, they were teaching a syncretistic gospel, a "blended" gospel. They were teaching a different gospel from what Paul had taught them. The false apostles were adding works to the finished work of Christ on the cross. Any time the Word of God is changed, something added or taken away from what God has said, rest assured that the enemy, Satan is behind it. One author wrote, "Satan wants to infiltrate the church and lean the people toward tolerance and cooperation, he does not want to fight the church, as much as join it." So, Paul gives the mandate, separate from them! How can I know what is correct? How can I know what is TRUE? There is only one source that can be counted on, the Bible. Meditate on: II Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105, 160; John 17:17.