

2 Corinthians Series: "Learning to Lean on God"

"Striving for Holiness"

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2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

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Introduction:

- A. If _____ on our _____ are not a laughing matter, how much more serious are _____ on our _____?
- B. In today's text, Paul addresses one of the great challenges we face—how do we maintain a level of _____ in an _____ world?

I. Understanding the Word

- A. Many commentators see today's section in 2 Corinthians as a major _____.
- B. Far from being a digression, these verses play a strategic role in Paul's ongoing apologetic of his _____ and _____.
- C. The text raises two important questions:
 - 1. What does it _____ to be _____ together?
 - 2. Who are the _____ that Paul has in mind?
- D. The principle Paul was communicating is that there are certain things which are fundamentally _____.
- E. I believe that the unbelievers Paul had in mind were his _____ at Corinth.

II. Applying the Word

- A. Why Should We Strive for Holiness?
 - 1. Because _____ is _____. (Rev. 4:6,8; 1 Jn. 1:5)
 - 2. Because we are _____ to be _____. (1 Pt. 1:15,16)
- B. What is Holiness?
 - 1. It is not an attempt to be _____ from _____ people.
 - 2. It is an attempt to be _____ from that which is _____, and _____, and to be set apart for God.
- C. How Can We Strive for Holiness?
 - 1. It takes _____.
 - 2. It is a _____.
 - 3. It requires _____.
 - 4. It must be one of our highest _____.

Answer Key: Intro. A. stains, clothes, stains, souls. B. holiness, unholy. I.A. digression. I.B. gospel, ministry. I.C.1. mean, yoked. I.C.2. unbelievers. I.D. incompatible. I.E. Opponents. II.A.1. God, holy. II.A.2. called, holy. II.B.1. isolated, unholy. II.B.2. separate, unholy, evil. II.C.1. effort. II.C.2. process. II.C.3. separation. II.C.4. priorities.