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### Separation from the World

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"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate \* \* \* and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you" (I Cor. 6:17-18).

This clean-cut command accompanied by one of God's greatest promises stands out in glowing letters against a back-drop of compromising, insipid, powerless churchanity.

A clear break with all forms of worldliness is seemingly impossible in an age drunk with pleasure, and silly with frolic. "Touch not the unclean thing" is to renounce the pollution that clings to the heart-life like barnacles to a ship. There is a challenge to stand alone, and to stand out against the encroachments of every form of evil.

Some things cannot coexist. One or the other must go. To add some things is to subtract others. There must be out-and-out convictions that give no doubt on which side of the question we stand. There is a fixed line; there is no meaningless gray, for with God it is either white, or black. Light and darkness have nothing in common. The very nature of one is opposed to that of the other. Thus it is with virtue and vice. Their basic motives are as different as light and darkness. Righteousness and unrighteousness are poles apart.

There is always a tug of war between holiness and sin. The approval of one means the disapproval of the other.

God's Word never fails. The promise of God is sure and steadfast. This separation, as painful as it can be at times, is recompensed by a relationship as near and dear as that of a father to his son.

The call of the world rings clear today. The world has its tantalizing attractions to the sinner. There is a terrible grip which habit fixes on the debauched. The church is doped by an easy-on-the-world method that has sapped its power, filled its rolls with rebellious sinners, and lulled it to sleep on the bosom of ease.

Purity stands out against all the unclean about it. To God, an uncompromising, positive separation from the world is the basis of all approval.

It is not only that God hates sin, which is fostered by His archenemy, Satan, but that worldliness has underneath its glamor and glitter a harvest which is the ruination of the soul.

A simplicity of life is beautiful. Humility and meekness adorn the Church of Jesus Christ. A separated life is the life "hid with Christ in God." We come out from the world, but we also come into God's grace.—Church Herald and Holiness Banner.

### Be Still and Listen

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Not many people hear the voice of God. When we say **hear the voice** we are thinking not of an audible speaking but of an inward communication.

Not many hear the voice because they fail to listen. They fail to listen because they never get still in the deeper region of the soul.

Ours is a day of rush. It is easier to **step on the gas** than to pause for instructions. On the highway the moment the light begins to change, if there is not immediate movement, the driver behind begins to honk, then the one behind him—and the one behind him—and so on all down the line.

Everybody is rushing somewhere and seemingly must get there quickly. Unfortunately some don't get there at all. It is not an unwise notice which stands on the outside wall of a Chicago suburban cemetery and reads: "DRIVE CAREFULLY—WE CAN WAIT."

Centuries ago, Deity saw the danger and inspired the psalmist to write: "Be still and know that I am God." **Stillness of Soul!** The hurry, the bustle, the fleshly energy and the carnal activity silenced and made to cease; God given a chance to speak!

When the soul is quiet **God will speak**. When God speaks it is not difficult to find His will. But He will not be hurried. It is here that so often we lose ground. We feel we must do something. We ought to be moving. The people behind us are honking. To use the road metaphor, it seems as though we are holding up the traffic.

Better wait until you are sure. Tune in with Heaven and ask for instructions. When you cannot receive it, God has something He wants to say to you.

"Be still and know." "Stand still and see." Listen until He speaks. He will communicate with the heart that is still.

"A quiet soul; an inward calm;  
A nature that is still:  
Then God will speak and will make known  
His secrets and His will.

Time is never lost that is spent in waiting on God."—Heart and Life.

### HEAVEN

One night a girl walking with her father was looking intently at the skies. Her father asked her what she was thinking about, and this is what she said: "I was thinking if the wrong side of heaven is so glorious, what must the right side be?" We cannot tell what a glorious place Jesus is preparing for us, but we know it will be a beautiful place. And, best of all, He will be there!—Unknown.

### Guard Your Mental Door

By Grenville Kleiser

Why do you lock the door of your house? For security and also to exclude intruders. You do not admit objectionable and unlovely people.

But how about the door of your **mind**? Is it open to all the varying thoughts that assail it from every side? Are you as discriminating here as you are with the door of your house?

Since you will be constantly bombarded by thoughts of good, bad, and doubtful character, you would be well-advised to give a peremptory challenge to them before giving them hospitality.

Obviously you should be receptive to the best thoughts, but how about **negative and evil thoughts** that often **unexpectedly intrude**?

You have the power to expel such thoughts, and your best course will be to **do this promptly**. Don't dally with an **undesirable thought** but dismiss it summarily.

It is not easy to keep the mind **inviolable**, but if you can do it even approximately you will greatly benefit. Much will depend upon your habitual attitude toward life.

Begin today to do some mental stock-taking. Analyze your thoughts for the past hour. Were they, on the whole, constructive or destructive, positive or negative, productive, or worthless? Frankly examine them and resolve to stand porter at the door of your mind.

In daily complexities of life, our **thought-stream** is constantly being altered and influenced by things happening to us, often without our being fully aware of it. But we can learn to control our **thought-stream** through vigilance.

Refuse to give allegiance to **undesirable thoughts** and they will gradually disappear—more and more. As you dwell upon **constructive thoughts**, they will tend to dominate your mind to the exclusion of opposite thoughts.

It is said that the most important victory will be won in the realm of your mind. Hence the vital importance of guarding it.

Do not entertain thoughts that depress you, or in any way retard your best progress. By changing your thoughts you can be liberated from constricting fears. By substituting constructive ideas for destructive ideas, you can uplift yourself into a mental attitude of hopeful expectancy.—Truth Review.

"Christianity isn't worth a snap of your finger if it doesn't straighten out character."  
—D. L. Moody.