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GUARDING OUR PARTNERSHIPS
2 Corinthians 6:14-16a

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2 Cor. 6:14 *Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?*
15 *What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?*
16a *What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; ...*
(ESV)

1. End _____ (v.14a)

2. Discern _____ (vv.14b-16a)

3. Honor _____ (v.16a)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 1:1-6**. What specific choices or boundaries does this psalm prompt you to establish so that you can obey 2 Corinthians 6:14–16a and stay useful to God in a compromised world?
2. Read **1 John 5:19-21** and **James 4:4-5**. How do these passages about our relationship with the world and with God shape the way you think about your personal alliances and partnerships?
3. Read **Ephesians 5:7-17**. Some people object to Paul's command in 2 Corinthians 6 by noting that Jesus spent time with tax collectors and sinners. How does this passage clarify the difference between purposefully engaging unbelievers and partnering with them?
4. Read **Romans 12:1-2**. In what ways does Paul's call to present your life as a living sacrifice help you see why guarding your partnerships is a natural and necessary response to God's mercy?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**. Since God owns you and dwells within you, why is guarding your partnerships just the beginning of glorifying him, and what other parts of your sanctification deserve the same diligence?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 21-23 – **Cornelius: Family & Friends**

Msg. 21-25 – **Saul: A New Family**

Msg. 14-24 – **Your Fraternity of Hearers**

Msg. 16-22 – 16-24 – **Christian Friendship** (a three-part series)

Msg. 09-25 – **Connectedness: Being More Intentional About Biblical Fellowship**

Msg. 24-06 – **The Path of Sanctification**

Msg. 23-35 – **Living in a World that Makes You Mad**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Oct. 19 th	Jer.1-2 & 2Th.2
Oct. 20 th	Jer.3-4 & 2Th.3
Oct. 21 st	Jer.5-6 & 1Tim.1
Oct. 22 nd	Jer.7-8 & 1Tim.2
Oct. 23 rd	Jer.9-10 & 1Tim.3
Oct. 24 th	Jer.11-13 & 1Tim.4
Oct. 25 th	Jer.14-16 & 1Tim.5
Oct. 26 th	Jer.17-19 & 1Tim.6

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bennett, Arthur. **The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions**. Banner of Truth, 1997.

Carmichael, Liz. **Friendship: Interpreting Christian Love**. T&T Clark, 2004.

DeYoung, Kevin. **The Hole in Our Holiness**. Crossway, 2012.

Fernando, Ajith. **Reclaiming Friendship**. Herald Press, 1993.

Holmes, Jonathan. **The Company We Keep: In Search of Biblical Friendship**. Russell Sage Foundation, 2019.

Hughes, R. Kent. **Set Apart: Calling a Worldly Church to a Godly Life**. Crossway, 2003.

Owen, John. **The Mortification of Sin**. Banner of Truth, 2004.

Packer, J. I. **Rediscovering Holiness**. Servant Publications, 1999.

Piper, John, et al. **The Supremacy of Christ in a Postmodern World**. Crossway, 2007.

Ryle, J. C. **Holiness: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties and Roots**. Charles Nolan Publishers, 2001.

Thomas, Derek, ed. **Zeal for Godliness**. EP Books, 2012.

Thoenes, K. Erik. **Godly Jealousy: A Theology of Intolerant Love**. Christian Focus Publications, 2005.

Wells, David F. **No Place for Truth: Or Whatever Happened to Evangelical Theology?** Eerdmans, 1994.