

Choose This Day...

A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

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The Christian Lifestyle

The Bible identifies followers of Christ as “peculiar people.” What does that mean? How will the world respond?

Opening prayer: Heavenly Father, we want only to do Thy will. What does it mean to be peculiar and how does this serve You? Guide us through this study. Open our eyes to see how this applies to our daily lives. Use the scriptures for reproof, O God, if necessary. We ask in the precious name of Jesus, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What do we find that sets us apart?

1. *Romans 12:1-2* “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a _____ sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your _____ service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye _____ by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, _____ of God.”
2. *2 Timothy 3:1-7* “This know also, that in the last days _____ times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own _____, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are _____. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but _____ the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and _____ able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”
3. *Titus 2:11-15* “For the grace of God, that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, _____ ungoldliness and wordly lusts, we should _____ soberly, righteously, and godly, in this _____ world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from _____ iniquity, and purify unto himself a _____, zealous of good works.”
4. *1 Peter 2:9-10* “But ye are a _____ generation, a _____ priesthood, an _____ nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous _____: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now _____ obtained mercy.”

5. *Matthew 6:24* “No man can serve ___ masters: for either he will ___ the one, and love the other; or else he will ___ to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot ___ God and mammon.”

6. *James 4:4* “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the _____ of the world is _____ with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”

7. *1 Corinthians 10:31* “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or _____ ye do, do ___ to the glory of God.”

From God’s word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the followers of Christ should be a _____ people, not following the maxims, nor _____ to the ways of the world, ___ loving its pleasures nor countenancing its _____; inasmuch as the apostle says that “whosoever therefore will be” in this sense, “a _____ of the world, is the _____ of God” (James 4:4) and Christ says that we cannot have ___ masters or, at the same time, serve ___ and mammon.

friend / follies / two / conforming / peculiar / God / not / enemy

Closing prayer: Faithful Father, thank You for this strong and clear message. We need Your power in our lives to make this a reality for us. Make us Your peculiar people, loving and serving You in obedience. Show us those things that we must put away; that we might not sin against You or compromise our loyalty to You. Give us love for others, as You show Your love to us. Loving the people, not the world or its ways. Only You can accomplish this work in us. We ask in the holy name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, amen.

Answers: 1. living, reasonable, transformed, will 2. perilous, selves, good, denying, never 3. denying, live, present, all, peculiar people 4. chosen, royal, holy, light, have 5. two, hate, hold, serve 6. friendship, enmity 7. whatsoever, all

