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VS.14-16

A. There Is To Be A Contrast In Our Walk v.14a

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“purity of life, or of that which is pleasing to God.”

“that which is impure and NOT pleasing to God.”

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B. There Is To Be A Contrast In Our Wisdom v.14b

2 Corinthians 6:14b (NIV) Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

1 John 1:7 (NIV) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

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B. There Is To Be A Contrast In Our Wisdom v.14b

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Psalms 119:105 (NIV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

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I. WE ARE MARKED BY SEVERAL CONTRASTS VS.14-16

C. There Is To Be A Contrast In Our Worship v.15

2 Corinthians 6:15 (NIV) What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

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II. WE ARE MANAGED BY SPECIFIC COMMANDS VS.14, 17

A. We Are Commanded To Be Segregated V.14

2 Corinthians 6:14 (NIV) Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

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II. WE ARE MANAGED BY SPECIFIC COMMANDS VS.14, 17

B. We Are Commanded To Be Separated V.17

2 Corinthians 6:17 (NIV) "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."

2 Corinthians 6:12 (NIV) We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us.

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Matthew 13:22 (NIV) The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.

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III. WE ARE MOVED BY SATISFYING CONSOLATIONS VS.17-18

A. There Is The Consolation Of His Favor V.17

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III. WE ARE MOVED BY SATISFYING CONSOLATIONS VS.17-18

B. There Is The Consolation Of His Fatherhood V.18

2 Corinthians 6:18 (NIV) "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

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IV. WE ARE MOTIVATED TO STEADFAST CONVICTIONS V.7:1

2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV) Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

1 Thessalonians 4:7 (NIV) For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

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IV. WE ARE MOTIVATED TO STEADFAST CONVICTIONS V.7:1

*“Called unto holiness,” church of our God,
Purchase of Jesus, redeemed by His blood;
Called from the world and its idols to flee,
Called from the bondage of sin to be free.*

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IV. WE ARE MOTIVATED TO STEADFAST CONVICTIONS V.7:1

Refrain:

“Holiness unto the Lord” is our watchword and
song,

“Holiness unto the Lord” as we’re marching along;
Sing it, shout it, loud and long,

“Holiness unto the Lord,” now and forever.

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IV. WE ARE MOTIVATED TO STEADFAST CONVICTIONS V.7:1

A. Motivated To A Clean Walk –

Matthew 15:18-19 (NIV) ¹⁸ But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.' ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

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IV. WE ARE MOTIVATED TO STEADFAST CONVICTIONS V.7:1

A. Motivated To A Clean Walk –

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

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IV. WE ARE MOTIVATED TO STEADFAST CONVICTIONS V.7:1

A. Motivated To A Clean Walk –

1 John 2:1 (NIV) My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

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IV. WE ARE MOTIVATED TO STEADFAST CONVICTIONS V.7:1

B. Motivated To A Consecrated Walk –

*“completing or getting the whole mind and love of
Christ into the soul.”*

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B. Motivated To A Consecrated Walk –

Romans 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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B. Motivated To A Consecrated Walk –

1 Corinthians 5:9-10 (NIV) ⁹ I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people-- ¹⁰ not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.

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B. Motivated To A Consecrated Walk –

1 Thessalonians 5:19-24 (NIV) ¹⁹ Do not put out the Spirit's fire; ²⁰ do not treat prophecies with contempt. ²¹ Test everything. Hold on to the good. ²² Avoid every kind of evil. ²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

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IV. WE ARE MOTIVATED TO STEADFAST CONVICTIONS V.7:1

B. Motivated To A Consecrated Walk –

“It is not a question simply of trying to empty your heart and life of every worldly desire – what an awful impossibility! It is rather opening your heart wide to all the love of God in Christ, and letting that love just sweep through you and exercise its expulsive power till your heart is filled with love.”

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