

Glorifying God by purifying ourselves Questions

2 Corinthians 7:1

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. NIV

1. We are to _____ ourselves.
2. What are we to purify ourselves from? _____ that _____ both body and spirit.
3. What is the motivation for this purity? _____ for God
4. Name three types of worldly influences which could contaminate our spirits.
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
5. Name three types of worldly influences which could contaminate our bodies.
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

2 Peter 3:14-15 - 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, **make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.** NIV

6. What is meant by “make every effort?”

7. We are to be found _____, _____ and at peace with Him.
8. What are three ways to cultivate a pure heart?
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

James 1:27 - 27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and **to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.** NIV

9. In James 1:27 we are exhorted to keep oneself from being _____ by the world.

1 Cor 15:33 - 33 Do not be misled: "**Bad company corrupts good character.**" NIV
10. Bad _____ good character.
11. What is meant by company? _____

Ezek 44:23 - 23 And they shall teach My people **the difference between the holy and the unholy**, and **cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean**. NKJV

12. Is God concerned about us exercising discernment? _____

James 4:4 - 4 You adulterous people, don't you know that **friendship with the world is hatred toward God**? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. NIV

13. Friendship with the world is _____ toward God.

14. If you become a friend of the world you are an _____ of God.

Colossians 3:5-11 - **5 Put to death**, therefore, **whatever belongs to your earthly nature**: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now **you must rid yourselves of all such things as these**: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have **taken off your old self** with its practices 10 and have **put on the new self**, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. NIV

15. We are put to _____ our former way of life.

16. But now you must _____ of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

Keys to exercising discernment

1. Does it _____ you, or help to perfect _____ in your life?
2. Would _____ do it?
3. Is it true, noble, _____, _____, lovely, admirable, _____, praiseworthy? **Phil 4:8**
4. That which is not _____ in God's Word is _____, unless otherwise by principle denounced.
5. That which is not permitted in God's Word is _____.
6. What does the Word of God say about it either _____ or by _____?

Ezekiel 44:23

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