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 ________________?

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