

Quiet Time #4: Set Apart

To be holy means to be set apart. At a time like this, when all the world has gone to disarray, how do we stand out? In what ways should we be set apart or different compared to the rest of the world?

1. Think

Romans 12:2

Our minds and thoughts must be completely renewed. We must be radically different from the world in order to participate in God's plan for our lives. **How did the way you think about things change when you first became a disciple? Have you reverted to your old way of thinking?**

Philippians 4:8

One way we can be set apart is in positive thinking. Our world tends to be complainers and pessimists. People notice if you are constantly being negative, or if you go against the grain by thinking (and being) positive. **What have you been thinking about lately? Do your thoughts have the characteristics stated in the scripture? What is a practical way you can make your thinking give more glory to God?**

2. Act

Hebrews 12:14

Most people don't make every effort to be in peace with those around them. It is easy to let problems and bitterness linger, but so hard to get rid of. Without being in peace with one another, we won't be holy, and won't see the Lord. **Do you have any unresolved conflict with anyone? What stops you from being holy in your conflict-resolution?**

Colossians 3:5, 8-9

It's easy for us to revert to our sinful nature. With the ministry and church out of sight, we can make God go out of our minds, and out of our actions. Your sinful nature is unholy. Your old way of living did not make you "set apart." **Have you been reverting to your old way of doing things? Do you have any sin that has come up since Spring Break?** I encourage you to be honest with someone about whatever you're going through. "You have taken off your old self with its practices," don't let Satan put your old self back on you.

3. Live

1 Thessalonians 4:7

God never wants us to be impure. Both the actual sin of impurity, but also being impure by having sin that we haven't thrown off. God calls you to live a holy life, not an impure one. **What changes do you need to make to make yourself purer in God's eyes?**

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

The biggest difference between us and the world should be that our life is not our own. Our time is not our own. We do not live for the benefit of ourselves, but for the glory of God. **Would Jesus say that you are living your life for him? Why or why not?**