

## Introduction:

By now everyone is experiencing a new world. Most of us are socially isolating ourselves, maintaining at least six feet from people and limiting human contact. Some are not getting out of their residence at all and others on a very limited basis. Just about everyone acknowledges they are missing the human contact, the hugs, handshakes, and the closeness.

### I) We Desire Human Contact

#### A) **God made Eve because it was not good for man to be alone, *Genesis 2.18***

1. We desire human companionship, someone to talk to, to share experiences with.
2. No man is an island, the very word “fellowship” involves a common bond, joint participation.
3. Have you ever gone to a ballgame or taken a vacation by yourself?

#### B) **Solomon spoke of the power and strength of people bound together.**

1. ***For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. 11 Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4:10-12)***
2. People can lift each other up- encouragement.
3. Provides what the other one lacks.
4. There is this thing called synergy which refers to the additional power that comes when you combine people and things.

5. This brings about what the Bible says about “quarantining oneself”; more specifically when to and when not to.

## II) We Live in this world

**John 17:14-15** *"I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one."*

### A) Be the example of Christ others will see

1. *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16)*
2. Salt in the box does nothing, while salt out of the box- can preserve, purifies, melts ice, can enhance taste, it influences what ever it touches.
3. As Christians we can let our speech be seasoned with salt, *"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one." (Colossians 4:6)*
4. By preaching of the Gospel we can melt the hearts of the unbelieving, bring salvation to the lost, and make this world a better place.
5. Light can illuminate- make that which was in darkness easy to see.
6. A little light can be seen along ways.

**B) That they may see your good works.**

1. Various people are mentioned in the Bible for their good works.
2. ***At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. (Acts 9:36)***
3. Widows were to be known by their good works.
4. ***“Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, and not unless she has been the wife of one man, 10 well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.” (1 Timothy 5:9-10)***
5. It is one thing to do good works to be seen by men it is another to do good works that others will see.

**C) The Christian is not to isolate themselves but to shine and have a good influence on others.**

**III) Not be of this world -- When to Quarantine?**

**A) Old Testament Example of Israel**

1. In the case of leprosy **Leviticus 13** gives various test to determine if someone had leprosy and there were different types of leprosy. But if a person was determined to have leprosy then they were to be isolated.
2. ***“Now the leper on whom the sore is, his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!’ 46 “He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.” (Leviticus 13:45-46)***

3. ***And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "Command the children of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper, everyone who has a discharge, and whoever becomes defiled by a corpse. 3 "You shall put out both male and female; you shall put them outside the camp, that they may not defile their camps in the midst of which I dwell." 4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp; as the LORD spoke to Moses, so the children of Israel did. (Numbers 5:1-4)***
4. Even touching something unclean made that person unclean – test for houses and garments.

**B) In the Old Testament – leaven became symbolic of things that were wrong.**

1. ***'Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. (Exodus 12:15)***
2. One of the problems of Israel was the influence of the nations around them and the desire to worship their gods instead of the one true. God.
  - a. ***Isaiah 44:9 Those who make an image, all of them are useless, And their precious things shall not profit; They are their own witnesses; They neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed.***
  - b. ***Isaiah 44:17 And the rest of it he makes into a god, His carved image. He falls down before it and worships it, Prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!"***

**C) Various passages in the New Testament deals with a person not being influenced by the wrong things and being a separate people.**

1. ***"Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little***

***leaven leavens the whole lump?" 1 Corinthians 5:6***

- a. This dealing with sin and its influence on others.
  - b. Sin is contagious- socially accepted sins – sex outside of marriage, drinking alcoholic beverages, profanity, immodesty in ones conduct and dress, etc.
2. Jesus warned his disciples of the influence of the Pharisees.
- a. ***Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." Matthew 16:6***
  - b. ***"Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees." (Matthew 16:12)***
  - c. ***"He began to say to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy." (Luke 12:1)***
3. The influence of false religion.
- a. ***"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." 17 Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." 18 "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)***

- b. False teaching can take many forms, idolatry in worshipping false gods; Judaism in its attempts to change the Gospel of Christ by combining it with the Law of Moses.
  - c. ***“I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1:6-8)***
4. Various churches in Revelation were harmed by false doctrines.
- a. Pergamos -- ***Revelation 2:14-15*** ***“But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. 15 “Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.”***
  - b. Thyatira -- ***Revelation 2:20*** ***“Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.”***

### Conclusion:

It is important to know when to isolate oneself and when not to. Jesus taught the sinners because it is the sick who needs healing. But Jesus never approved of or committed sin. Quarantine to do any good has to be on a

consistent basis. One thing to quarantine for one day but if not done the next day, it does no good. Thanks for watching.