

## Understanding Holy and Common, Clean and Unclean

*(Becoming a Dynamic Kingdom Disciple)*

Ezekiel 44:23 (AMP)

The priests shall teach My people - - the difference between The Holy ... and The Common, ... and teach them to distinguish {discern (nkjv)} between the (Ceremonially) Unclean ... and The Clean.

Defined

Clean

To Be Bright ... To be Pure (physical sound, unadulterated) ... Levitically: Uncontaminated ... Morally: Innocent or Holy) ... Unmixed ... Unalloyed as in pure gold

Unclean defined

To Be Foul - Especially in a ceremonial or moral sense (contaminated) ... Unclean. ... Impure - ethically and religiously ... Foul in a religious sense ... Defiled ... Polluted

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What are Some Common Ways we Cause ourselves to Become Unclean

**WRONG WORDS**

Matthew 15:11 (VOICE)

What you put into your mouth cannot make you clean or unclean; ... it is what comes out of your mouth that can make you unclean.

**Wrong Words come from a Stirred-up Heart**

Matthew 15:18 (VOICE)

But the things that come out of your mouth ... your curses, ... your fears, ... your denunciations ... these come from your heart, ... and it is the stirrings of your heart that can make you unclean.

## A “Stirred up Heart” is an indication of a Fragmented Heart

James 4:8 (VOICE)

Come close to the one true God, and He will draw close to you. ... Wash your hands; you have dirtied them in sin. ... **Cleanse your heart**, - - **because your mind is split down the middle**, ... **your Love for God on One Side** ... and **Selfish Pursuits on the Other**.

## Remedy for a Divided Heart

Revelation 2:4-5 (VOICE)

“However, I have this against you: **you have abandoned your first love**. ... 5 Do you remember what it was like before you fell? ... **It’s time to rethink and change your ways**; ... **go back to how you first acted**. ... However, if you do not return, I will come quickly and personally remove your lampstand from its place.

## Honest Self-Examination - Is the LORD your “first love”?

2 Corinthians 13:5 (NKJV)

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - - unless indeed you are disqualified.

## Confess and Repent - “It’s time to rethink and change your ways go back to how you first acted”

1 John 1:9 (TPT)

But if we freely admit our sins when His light uncovers them, ... He will be faithful to forgive us every time. ... God is just to forgive us our sins because of Christ, and He will continue to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Cut any and all Soul-ties

Matthew 10:34-37 (MSG)

“Don’t think I’ve come to make life cozy. ... **I’ve come to cut ... make a sharp knife cut between son and father, daughter and mother, bride and mother-in-law** ... **cut through these cozy domestic arrangements and free you for God**. ... **Well-meaning family members can be your**

worst enemies. ... If you prefer father or mother over ME, ... You don't Deserve ME. ... If you prefer son or daughter over ME, ... You DON'T Deserve ME.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the ... **division of soul and spirit**, ... and **of joints and marrow**, ... and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**Ask the LORD to Restore your Fragmented Heart**

Psalm 86:11 (VOICE)

O Eternal One, guide me along Your path so that I will live in Your truth. ... **Unite my divided heart** ... so that I will fear Your great name.

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**A fragmented heart creates a messed-up belief system - unbelief can creep in**

Why? ... Because certain others or other things have part of your heart. ... In essence you have put your faith and trust in those things. ... They have more influence over you than the Word of God ... Truly, it is an indication that you are still functioning as a soulish being and not a spirit-being.

Illustration

Proverbs 23:7 (TPT)

For as he thinks within himself, so is he. ... He will grudgingly say, "Go ahead and eat all you want," ... **but in his heart** ... he resents the fact that he has to pay for your meal.

**Money has a piece of his heart ... His heart is stirred up because of money**

Luke 6:38 (TPT)

Give generously and generous gifts will be given back to you, ... shaken down to make room for more. ... Abundant gifts will pour out upon you with such an overflowing measure that it will run over the top! ... Your measurement of generosity ... becomes the measurement of your return.”

## SLIDE

### The Dangers of Unbelief

Hebrews 3:15-19 (TPT)

For again, the Scriptures say, ... If only today you would listen to His voice. ... Don't make Him angry ... by hardening your hearts, ... as you did in the wilderness rebellion. ... 16 The same people who were delivered from bondage and brought out of Egypt by Moses, were the ones who heard and still rebelled. ... 17 They grieved God for forty years ... by sinning in their unbelief, ... until they dropped dead in the desert. ... 18 So God swore an oath that ... they would never enter into His calming place of rest ... all because they disobeyed Him. ... 19 It is clear that they could not enter into their inheritance ... because they wrapped their hearts in unbelief.

Hebrews 3:12 (NLT)

Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. ... Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, ... turning you away from the living God.

How many have turned away from the Living God, no longer going to church because they disagreed with something I have preached? ... This amazes me because this has been going on for years. ... People upset at something I said completely out of church. ... Know what is just as sad to me? ... They are boldly declaring their unbelief. ... What do I mean? ... I have had people get in my face and say - “if you do not stop preaching on (the issue they disagree with me over), I am leaving” ... Then they run around telling other people about the disagreement ... Please understand - I am simply bearing witness to this verse in Heb. 3:12 ... These people are not evil, sinful people. ... They simply have unbelief in their heart which resulted in them turning away from God. ... Be Careful!

Now this next issue really confuses me? ... How do so called Pentecostal believers, leave a Pentecostal church (some people who have left here and other place I know for example) and they end up going to a non-Pentecostal church? ... Honestly, I don't get it ... Reminds me of this verse:

Hebrews 6:4-6 (VOICE)

**It is impossible to restore the changed heart** ... of the one who has fallen from faith ... who has already been enlightened, ... has tasted the gift of new life from God, ... has shared in the power of the Holy Spirit, ... and has known the goodness of God's revelation ... and the powers of the coming age. ... If such a person falls away, ... it's as though that one were crucifying the Son of God all over again and holding Him up to ridicule.

Brethren - Alignment Matters! ... Who you link shields with matters!

Amos 3:3 (EXB)

Two people will not [Can two...?] walk together unless they have agreed to do so [or to meet; or on the direction].

Proverbs 27:17 (TPT)

It takes a grinding wheel to sharpen a blade, ... and so one person sharpens the character of another.

**What will Unbelief Cause into your Life?**

A Rebuke from the Lord

Mark 16:14 (NKJV)

Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table ... and **He rebuked** ... **their unbelief** ... **and hardness of heart**, ... because - - **they did not believe those** ... who had seen Him after He had risen.

Quenches the Atmosphere and Working of the Holy Spirit

Mark 6:1-6 (TPT)

Afterward, Jesus left Capernaum and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, ... **His hometown.**  
... 2 On the Sabbath, He went to teach in the synagogue. ... Everyone who heard his teaching was overwhelmed with astonishment. ... They said among themselves, “What incredible wisdom has been given to him! ... Where did he receive such profound insights? ... And what mighty miracles flow through his hands! ... 3 Isn’t this Mary’s son, the carpenter, the brother of Jacob, Joseph, Judah, and Simon? And don’t his sisters all live here in Nazareth?” ... **And they took offense at him.** ... 4 Jesus said to them, “A prophet is treated with honor everywhere ... except in his own hometown, ... among his relatives, ... and **in his own house.**” ... 5 **He was unable to do any great miracle in Nazareth,** ... except to heal a few sick people by laying his hands upon them. ... 6 **He was amazed at the depth of their unbelief!** ... Then Jesus went out into the different villages and taught the people.

### Remedy for Unbelief

#### United Heart

#### Get all the pieces back

#### Psalm 86:11 (VOICE)

O Eternal One, guide me along Your path so that I will live in Your truth. ... **Unite my divided heart** ... so that I will fear Your great name.

#### Unite your heart with Christ

#### John 6:47 (TPT)

“I speak to you living truth: ... **Unite your heart to me** ... and believe ... and you will *experience* eternal life!

#### Constant Examination

#### Hebrews 3:12 (TPT)

**So, search your hearts every day,** ... my brothers and sisters, and make sure that none of you has evil ... **or unbelief hiding within you.** ... For it will lead you astray, ... and make you unresponsive to the living God.

## Total Reliance on the Holy Spirit as Teacher and Guide of Truth

Mark 9:24 (NKJV)

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; ... **help my unbelief!**”

We don't want help with our unbelief ... We want it eradicated!

John 16:13-15 (VOICE)

The Spirit of truth will come and guide you in all truth. ... He will not speak His own words to you; ... He will speak what He hears, ... revealing to you the things to come and bringing glory to Me. ... **The Spirit has unlimited access to Me**, ... **to all that I possess and know**, ... just as everything the Father has is Mine. ... That is the reason I am confident He will care for My own and reveal the path to you.

Romans 12:2 (TPT)

**Stop imitating** ... the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, ... but be **inwardly transformed** ... **by the Holy Spirit** ... **through a total reformation of how you think**. ... This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.

**Perseverance / Endurance / Unwavering**

James 1:8 (TPT)

When you are half-hearted and wavering, ... it leaves you unstable. [*restless or disengaged*] ... Can you really expect to receive anything from the Lord when you're in that condition?

Romans 4:20-21 (TPT)

**He never stopped believing God's promise**, ... for he was made strong in his faith [*he was empowered in faith*] to father a child. ... And because he was mighty in faith and **convinced that God had all the power needed to fulfill His promises**, ... Abraham glorified God!

2 Thessalonians 1:4 (TPT)

We point to you as an example of **unwavering faith** for all the churches of God. ... We boast about how you continue to demonstrate **unflinching endurance** through all the persecutions and painful trials you are experiencing.