

WHAT CONTAMINATES YOUR SOUL?

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Contaminate, /kən'tamə,nāt/ v. make (something) impure by exposure to or addition of a poisonous or polluting substance. (syn. pollute, taint, corrupt)

What contaminates you?

BIG IDEA: Part ways with what drains God's life from us and feed what builds it.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you... opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange... open wide your hearts also.

¹⁴ Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? ¹⁵ What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement is there between the **temple of God** and **idols**? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

"I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." ^{Ezk 37:26}

¹⁷ Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." ^{Is 52:11}

¹⁸ And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." ^{2 Sam 7:14}

Old alliances/connections kept alive.

Polytheism, *worshipping many gods*—normal **Israel**: honor God with a meal in his presence.

^{7:1} Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of fearing God.
² Make room for us in your hearts.

God's powerful presence in you.

God's own unique, otherworldly people.

God's own children, his family, under his care.

TAKEAWAYS

- ¹ **When you read, listen for the _____.**
What did Paul mean when he wrote this?
- ² **He's not saying don't be FRIENDS with unsaved people.**
"What direction are my relationships taking me? Who is doing the infecting?"
- ³ **Is this talking about _____ a non-believer?**
- ⁴ **Be _____.** Stop straddling both worlds.
- ⁵ **Part ways with your _____**—whatever you turn to for *comfort*. Whatever you *trust in besides God*? What you *seek to find happiness*? What you are *obsessed with*?
"The object of your worship will determine your future and define your life. It's the one choice that all other choices are motivated by." — Kyle Idleman, Gods at War
- ⁶ **Beware of _____ you & your faith.**

Come all the way home to God.

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