

## Lesson 46 Comments and Answers

Iniquities	not
Youth	mocked
Sin	own
Youth	lust
Sins	lust
Youth	conceived
Sinned	sin
Youth	death
Mercy	follow
Transgression	follow
Forgiven	good
Sin	flee
Covered	follow
Imputeth	leave
Iniquity	goest
Flee	go
Youthful	steadfastly
Lusts	minded
Flesh	
Lusteth	
Flesh	
No	
Put	
Off	
Circumspectly	
Fools	
Wise	

We looked at Ruth's example of being "steadfastly minded" in her resolve to follow Naomi.

Naomi had another daughter in-law, Orpah, that started out following after her. Ruth 1:10 tells us this. But in Ruth 1:14 and 15 we see that Orpah went back to her people and to her gods. How sad to see examples of people who quit following that which is good. Do you remember what Jesus said in John 6:66 and 67 "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." Vs. 67 "Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?"

I think of what Paul says in II Tim. 4:10 "For Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world..." And in I Tim. 1:15 "...all they which are in Asia be turned away from me..."

Don't be a "drop out" statistic when it comes to ever following that which is good!

## Lesson 47

Last week we studied the importance of fleeing and following. Let's finish our verse in II Tim. 2:22.

“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow after righteousness, faith, charity, peace, \_\_\_\_\_ them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

It's always great to be on a path or course with somebody.

God instructs us to follow after the things that produce godliness in our lives, with others that call on the Lord.

I Cor. 1:2 “...called to be saints, with all that in every place \_\_\_\_\_ upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord...”

Rom. 10:12 “For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is \_\_\_\_\_ unto all that \_\_\_\_\_ upon \_\_\_\_\_.” Vs. 13 “For whosoever shall \_\_\_\_\_ upon the name of the Lord shall be \_\_\_\_\_.”

There can be no doubt as to who we should be joining with on our course of following after those things which produce godliness in our lives. We should be joining with fellow believers, saints, as God calls us.

Do we have more common ground with the unsaved? Do we closely associate with and find compatibility with enemies of our Lord?

The Bible says in II Cor. 2:15, 16 “For we are unto God a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, in them that are \_\_\_\_\_, and in them that \_\_\_\_\_: vs. 16 To the one we are the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_; and to the other the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_...”

If we are being who we are in Christ, following those things that produce godliness in our life, the unsaved will find us offensive! Jesus tells his disciples in John 15:18 “If the \_\_\_\_\_ you, ye know that it \_\_\_\_\_ me before it \_\_\_\_\_ you.” And also in Luke 6:22 Jesus tells the 12 “Blessed are ye, when \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ you, and when they shall \_\_\_\_\_ you from their \_\_\_\_\_ and shall \_\_\_\_\_ you, and cast your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_, for the Son of man's sake.”

## **Lesson 47 Continued**

Things aren't any different for the body of Christ. II Cor. 11:23 "Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labors more abundant, in \_\_\_\_\_ above measure, in \_\_\_\_\_ more frequent, in \_\_\_\_\_ oft."

II Thess. 1:6 "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that \_\_\_\_\_."

We are promised hate, trouble and persecution from the world as we follow after godliness! And sometimes even from other believers.

II Tim. 3:12 "Yea, and \_\_\_\_\_ that will live \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_."

There's a blessing given to believers in Phil. 1:29 that most of us don't want to claim. "For unto you it is \_\_\_\_\_ in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_."

A good barometer of your following after godliness is who's with you!! Does this mean we cloister ourselves in monasteries with only other saints? Our Lord ate with sinners, healed them, loved them and ultimately died for them (us). We likewise should be filled with compassion as we understand our charge to bring the message of reconciliation to the unsaved. II Cor. 5:20 "Now then we are \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ, as though God did \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_: We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye \_\_\_\_\_ to God."

We do not follow the same course as the unsaved. Eph. 2:2 "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that \_\_\_\_\_ worketh in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

God desires for his body to be united together. When Paul was separated from the saints he loved he \_\_\_\_\_ for them in Phil. 4:1 and Phil. 1:8 "For God is my record, how \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ after \_\_\_\_\_ in the bowels of Jesus Christ." What a joy and encouragement to follow after godliness with other saints.

## **Lesson 47 Continued**

But our verse goes on to further qualify the saints we should be with on the course of godliness. II Tim. 2:22 "...with them that call on the Lord out of a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_." Many saints depart from following after godliness. We looked at some of those at the beginning of our lesson. I Tim. 4:1 "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_..."

Carnal believers are not following after godliness. If you are, you are not following the same things as a carnal believer is following. Speaking to believers, Paul writes in Rom. 8:5 "For they that are after the \_\_\_\_\_ do mind the things of the \_\_\_\_\_; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. Vs. 6 For to be \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_; but to be \_\_\_\_\_ minded is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

There is death to a carnal minded believer's spiritual experience. He is rendered ineffective in his spiritual walk. Do we shun them? Separate ourselves from them? Gal. 6:1 "Brethren, if a man be \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_, ye which are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ such an one in the Spirit of meekness."

II Tim. 2:24, 25 "And the servant of the Lord must not \_\_\_\_\_, but be \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ men, apt to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, In \_\_\_\_\_ those that \_\_\_\_\_ themselves."

We need to be gentle, patient and instructive to the carnal believer. At the same time, we understand that for the time they are following a different course.

Well how is it with you? Are you fleeing and following with other pure hearted saints?

Let's surround ourselves with other saints that are steadfastly minded to ever follow that which is good.