



SIMPLIFY Yoking

I. INTRODUCTION: It Is Time To Get _____ With The Lord!

A. Signs of the Times:

1. Luke 21:25-28
2. II Corinthians 6:1-2: "...**Now** is the accepted time; behold **Now** is the day of salvation."

B. It is time of "Count the _____" of Discipleship: II Corinthians 6:3-10; Luke 9:57-62; I John 2:15-17; Galatians 6:14-15; Romans 8:35-39

II. The Final Call To Simplify: YOKING

A. **Yoke**: A wood collar used to connect two animals for drawing.

B. **Application**: Christian's life - the _____ and _____ that are made in our lives – *spiritually, relationally, and practically.*

1. Lessons From Church History:
2. Our call to be separate: **II Corinthians 6:17-18**

III. Simplifying The Call To Be "Separate": II Cor. 6:11-16

A. What we allow in our life _____ us or it _____ us! Verse 12

1. **Restrict**: to be in a _____ place.
2. **Affections**: literally "bowels", the innermost being of man. Cf., James 1:14-15
3. We are freed or restricted by what we are _____
with: Verse 14a; Deuteronomy 22:9-11

B. A "Four-Point" Check: Are we unequally yoked?

1. **Verse 14b**: "...for what **fellowship** has righteousness with lawlessness..."
 - a. **Fellowship**: sharing, communion, _____

- b. We cannot avoid contact with unbelievers: I Corinthians 5:9-10; yet we are called to focus on leading them to Christ – I Corinthians 9:9-13
- c. However, we are not to enter into _____
with them: I Corinthians 15:33-34

2. **Verse 14c**: "...and what **communion** has light with darkness?"

- a. **Communion**: "koinonia" – the partnership between believers.
- b. This speaks to our relationships with Christians who are living in _____ - _____ :
I Corinthians 5:11-13
- c. The consequences if we ignore this admonition:
I Corinthians 5:6; Psalm 106:14-15

3. **Verse 15**: "And what **accord** has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?"

- a. **Accord**: Comes from the root word "**symphoneon**" – to "_____".
- b. This speaks to the church's tendency to embrace the ever changing _____ of the world:
I Corinthians 11:1; III John 1:11

4. **Verse 16a**: "And what **agreement** has the Temple of God with idols?"

- a. **Agreement**: A "_____".
- b. There is no room for _____ in the church: II Timothy 3:16-17

C. **CALL: We Are All "Yoked" – The Choice Is... "Yoked To What?"**

1. **Verse 16b**: "...For you are a _____ of the Living God..."
2. **Matthew 11:28-30**: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
_____, and
learn from Me...and you will find rest for your souls."