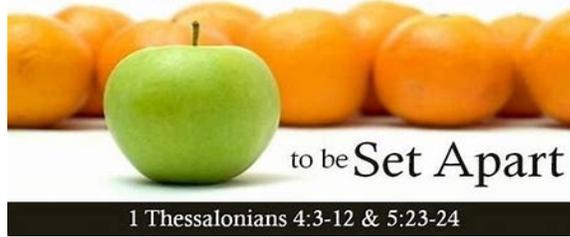




Lewiston Church of Christ

August 19, 2018

Set Up...



Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Cody & Doyle Dawes- Grounds

Ken Vogtman – Building

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Is Nothing Sacred?

If nothing is sacred, then everything is disposable. In today's highly disposable world, reverence is rare.

Webster defines *sacred* as that which is devoted or dedicated to a deity or a spiritual purpose. Its original application was for that which is "set apart" or venerated for godly aims. To claim the equality of everything is to prevent such veneration and deny the sanctity of anything. For Christians, anything that God assigns for special use is *sacred*, including ourselves.

As a child of God, you are set apart for His purposes. You are free to pursue selfish aims but in so doing, you turn your back on your sacred status as a child of God. To confess that life is sacred is to admit that you belong to God, not yourself. You can claim your body as your own but in so doing, you forfeit the reason your body was formed in the first place. God's word says, "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit." (1 Corinthians 6:19). Thus, you are more than a bag of bones engaged in random fleeting chemical reactions to external stimuli. Rather, you and your body are sacred--set apart and consecrated for God.

Marriage is also sacred—created by God on purpose! When marriage loses its sanctity, then fatherhood and motherhood are replaced by "whateverhood." Sadly, America has legally decomposed marriage and twisted it away from God's intended purpose. Why? Because we no longer see it as sacred.

If nothing is sacred, then there is no hope beyond this present life of disappointment and despair. Okay, a few pleasures may come and go, but our disposability still wins out in the end. Standing in opposition to such cynicism, the apostle Paul wrote:

- ✦ *May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).*

Joel Solliday