

Devoted to the Lord

Pure Devotion

- **Please Read: 1 Cor. 7:17-35**
- vs 17- retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him & to which God has called him
- vs 31- use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them...world is passing away
- vs 32- I would like you to be free from concern ... be concerned about the Lord's affairs
- vs 34- Interests are divided; aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit
- **Please Read: 2 Corinthians 11:2-3**

Revelation 7:1, "After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree."

- There is a current in this world system; winds of spiritual influence upon humanity
- Be on guard against the pull of this world; draw us away from God and consume us

Luke 12:15, "Then Jesus said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.'"

Pruned Free

- **Please Read: John 15:1-2**
- To be pruned is to cut off dead things so as it free-up growth and fruitfulness
- **Please Read: Hebrews 12:1-2**

Galatians 5:1, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

Mark 4:18-19 AMP, "And the ones sown among the thorns are others who hear the Word; Then the cares and anxieties of the world and distractions of the age, and the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches, and the craving and passionate desire for other things creep in and choke and suffocate the Word, and it becomes fruitless."

Pursuing His Affairs

- **Please Read: Philippians 2:1-11**
- 1 Cor 16:15- "...they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints."

Philippians 2:20-21, "I have no one else like Timothy, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ."

2 Timothy 2:3-4

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs — he wants to please his commanding officer.