Do Not Touch (2 Corinthians 6:17)

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INTRODUCTION

- Do not touch some of the least favorite words of little kids.
- There are several biblical commands and instruction that relates to not to touch.

1 Holy Objects Were Not to Be Touched

Numbers 4; Leviticus 11; Isaiah 52:11

- Holy objects were not to be touched, lest they be defiled.
- You were not to touch what is unclean, lest you be defiled in the touching.
- Depart, go out from there. Touch nothing unclean. Go out of the midst of her, purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the Lord.

2 The Tree Represents Holiness and God's Authority

Genesis 3:3; Genesis 3:5

- Perhaps there is a sense in which the tree in the garden was like those things.
- I believe this tree not only represents holiness, but it represents the idea of God's authority.
- A violating of that authority constituted a grasping after Godhood.
- He has the right to rule. He has the right to establish limits in regard to our behavior. Because he is the creator.

3 Whose Authority Are We Going to Choose?

- Are you going to respect God's holiness? Are you going to respect God's authority? Or not.
- It is a choice that the Christian must make daily. And it is not an easy choice.
- And Satan is saying all the time to us, God really doesn't have your best interest at heart.
- Every day, here we are. Whose authority are we going to choose? God's or our own.

4 My Way Is Bankrupt

Jeremiah 10:23

- And let me tell you where this starts. You start by saying, coming to the Lord is my way is bankrupt. It's death.
- Live in me, have your way. That's the right attitude. That's choosing God's authority.
- I come to the Lord realizing that I am broken, insolvent, penniless, ruined.
- The way of man is not in himself. It is not a man that walks to direct his own steps.

5 Deny Yourself and Choose God's Authority

2 Corinthians 4; Genesis 3

- We have this treasure in earthen vessels. That's you and me. That the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves.
- My beliefs issue from God. And not just my beliefs, but my behavior.
- Once you have set aside God's authority for your own way, it becomes easier and easier to do that again.
- Deny yourself. And choose God's authority over your own.

6 Do Not Touch the Unclean Thing

2 Corinthians 6; Isaiah 52:11

- Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you.
- Fellowship with a holy God is still contingent upon a break from the evils that grip our world.
- Excessive association with those who do not regard God's authority will ultimately lead to a weakening of those essential values.
- Benefits of godly association far outweigh and exceed any and all temporal benefits of worldly association.
- We need to be intimately involved with his holy people who are making that choice.

THE CHALLENGE

Please know your holy mission. Take up your cross. Follow it. Choose his authority above your own.

MY NOTES