

Jars of Distinction

2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1

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God has chosen the church to be a light in a dark world...a light to draw the world to Him.

The world desperately needs to see the gospel really works

- I. People need to see the gospel works in us (Philippians 1:27-28)
 - A. It changes our home
 - B. It changes our heart
 - C. It changes our head

- II. People need to see the gospel works through us
 - A. We must accept the distinctions
 1. righteousness not lawlessness (principles not people)
 2. light not darkness (some things just don't mix)
 3. Christ not Satan (some notes never harmonize)
 4. believer not unbeliever
 5. temple of God not idols
 6. Spirit not the flesh (Galatians 5:16-24)
 - B. We must appreciate the distinctions
 1. God's instructions are for our benefit
 2. God's limitations are for our benefit
 3. God's intentions are for our benefit
 - C. We must act on the distinctions
 1. Intellectually – think Spiritually (Philippians 4:8)
 2. Emotionally – feel honestly
 3. Volitionally – choose wisely (Philippians 4:9)

We cannot be a positive influence for Christ if we have no interactions with those who need Christ.
We cannot be a positive influence for Christ if we have no distinctions from those who need Christ.

So What?

- We may only be “jars of clay”, but we can live distinctly as His “jars of clay”.
- We may only be “jars of clay”, but we can shine brightly as His “jars of clay”.
- We may only be “jars of clay”, but we can make a difference as His “jars of clay”.