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I MUST DARE TO BE PECULIAR

- Normal People Want To Conform** Human nature causes one to want to belong, to fit in, and to be accepted. Jesus said to the Apostles and first disciples: (Lk 12:32) "*Fear not, _____; for it is your Father's good _____ to give you the _____.*" This statement calls to mind the minority status of God's people historically. He alluded to a Christian minority when he said (Mt 22:14) "*_____ are called, but _____ are chosen*" and (Mt 7:14) "*_____ there be that _____ it.*" It is more desirable to find a comfortable degree of anonymity in the multitude than to be singled out as different and peculiar. That's why God insisted, "*Come _____ from _____ them, and be ye _____.*" Scripture? _____
- Peculiar** The ENG word is found but 7X-7V KJV. The only 2 mentions in the NT are describing Christians. In (Titus 2:14) Paul speaks of Christ redeeming us that he might "*_____ unto himself a _____ people, zealous of _____ works.*" Peter (1 Pet 2:9) describes Christians as "*a peculiar _____.*" In these instances the peculiar ones were Christ's purified ones and the called out ones. Peculiar means different. Christians are different from the world.
- Must A Christian Be A Mis-Fit?** The answer is both yes and no. He/she is in the sense that their lifestyle limits compatibility with general society. He/she isn't in the sense that they are spiritually restricted in finding common ground for social intercourse with unbelievers. Regarding church fellowship, Paul said (1 Cor 5:9-13) "*not to _____ with fornicators.*" He adds "*yet not _____ with the fornicators of this world, or with the _____, or extortioners, or with _____; for then must ye needs _____ of the _____.*" That is impossible! In his instructions on getting along with the weak he says: (Rom 14:7) "*None of us _____ to himself, and no man _____ to himself.*"
- Existing & Co-existing In A Sinful World** (Prov 11:30) "*He that _____ souls is _____.*" Jesus commanded the Apostles (Mk 16:15) to "*Go ye into _____ the _____, and _____ the gospel to every creature.*" Christians today (Eph 2:20) "*are _____ upon the _____ of the apostles...*" It is the Savior's will (Eph 3:10) that the saving gospel "*might be _____ by the _____.*" Christians have no choice but (1 Pet 3:15) to "*be _____ always to give an _____ to every man that _____ you a reason of the _____ that is in _____ with meekness and fear.*" The Pharisees (Lk 15:2) said of Jesus, "*This man receiveth _____, and _____ with them.*" So must we, if ever we are to convert them.
- Association Without Guilt** Jesus is our example. We cannot accept the sinner's doctrine (2 Jn 9-11) or "*bid him _____.*" But even brethren get mired in sin. We are to (Gal 6:1) "*_____ such an one*" and in so doing (Jas 5:20) we "*shall _____ a _____ from _____.*" All the while we must (1 Tim 5:22) not "*be _____ of other men's _____.*"

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