

Mismatched and Misplaced

II Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1

Three Phases of Bible Study

- **Observation**

What does the text say?

- **Interpretation**

What does it mean by what it says?

- **Application**

What does It mean to me? So what?

Application without observation and interpretation leads to misapplication!

Bringing the Text to Light

– Structure

- **Exhortation (vs. 14a)**

Don't be unequally yoked with unbelievers...

- **Five Contrasts (vs. 14b-16a)**

Things that don't belong together

- **Old Testament Quotations (vs. 16b-18)**

We are the temple of the living God

- **Exhortation (vs. 7:1)**

We must cleanse ourselves from defilement

Bringing the Text to Light

– Structure

– Important Words and Thoughts

- **Unequally yoked – ‘mismatched’**

- *A wooden bar that binds two draft animals together so they work as a team, pulling in the same direction.*

- *‘Strangely’ yoked – i.e. mismatched.
See Deut. 22:10*

- *See Leviticus 19:19 – ‘mismated’*

Bringing the Text to Light

– Structure

– Important Words and Thoughts

- Unequally yoked – ‘mismatched’

- Unbeliever

- *The picture of inappropriate partnership is not just limited to marriage! See [Eph 5:3-7](#)*

- *Word ‘unbeliever’ is used in different ways...*

- » *A non-Christian*

- » *One who struggles in their faith*

- » *Disbelief in a believer’s heart*

Bringing the Text to Light

- **Structure**
- **Important Words and Thoughts**
 - **Unequally yoked – ‘mismatched’**
 - **Unbeliever**
 - **Five Utter Incompatibilities**
 - *Right and wrong*
 - *Light and dark*
 - *Christ and Satan*
 - *Believers and unbelievers*
 - *Temple of God and Idolatry*
(see II Kings 21:1-9)

Bringing the Text to Light

– Structure

– Important Words and Thoughts

- Unequally yoked – ‘mismatched’
- Unbeliever
- Five Utter Incompatibilities
- Old Testament Truths
 - *New Covenant promises found in the Old*
 - *God will once again dwell among and in His temple – His people are His temple!*
 - *So we are to be ‘holy’ and ‘wholly’ set apart*

Bringing the Text to Light

- **Structure**
- **Important Words and Thoughts**
 - **Unequally yoked – ‘mismatched’**
 - **Unbeliever**
 - **Five Utter Incompatibilities**
 - **Old Testament Truths**
 - **We, the temple, must be cleansed**
 - *See II Kings 23:3ff*

Bringing the Text to Light

- Structure
- Important Words and Thoughts
- The main point:

We must be free from the contamination of the world around us and the world within us. We find ourselves in a dark evil, sinful world system. We are in its midst, but it must not be in our midst – or in our hearts.

Bringing the Text to Light

Applying the Text to Life

- This *does* apply to entering into the permanence and intimacy of the marriage relationship...
- We must each wrestle with what true Christian *separation* looks like: to *be* different because we *are* different
- Pollution in you, a New Creation?