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Moving up the Ladder of Set Apartness March, 2008



Greetings everyone!

Today we present Part 2 in the series of Moving toward Set Apartness by our SAM member, Marsha Van. We hope you enjoy and appreciate her challenge!

In the course of daily work, I also designed a guide for doing serious study of various resources. That will be found after the feature article. If you have found it difficult to remember the main points of what you learn and keep track of your efforts to apply your new insights; this guide may be of help.

The times continue to grow darker spiritually as we see people growing more cold and wars and rumors of wars abound. Messiah Yeshua told us to expect this but that as we draw near to Him, He will provide for us.

We understand that there is His part in all that He does to draw us to Himself as He orchestrates our lives AND there is our part, in which we yield to Him and strive to learn each lesson as we mature into Him Who is our Head. All that we do in Set Apart Ministries is a part of this overall goal of supporting the Body of Messiah in this growth to become more like Him. Stressful times can easily take our focus away from Him which leads us into confusion, despair and darkness. Yet there is no place we can be that He is not also with us. It is the darkness within us that can block our awareness of His Presence.

Yeshua, please fully expose any darkness within the lives of each reader and grant them Your strength, perseverance, wisdom and discernment to come more and more fully into You, now, while it is yet day.

In Service to our Messiah,

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Up the Ladder of Set Apartness/Holiness

Sex in the Cinema

Part 2 of 4

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*I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside:
it shall not cleave to me. Psalms 101: 3 (KJV)*

In my last article I talked about violence in movies and on TV. I shared a bit of my journey up the ladder of holiness/set apartness with you and told you how I came to recognize a need to scrutinize what I was watching on my TV.

One of the first steps I had to take in scrutinizing my cinematic choices was to define the term "unacceptable." But by what standard? In the past, leaning on my own understanding had left me short of the mark, as did making choices based on worldly opinions. The mark I'm referring to is the goal of being holy or set apart, and the instruction manual I use is the Bible. Hitting the mark isn't an easy task, no matter what the subject. Today, the subject is sex in the cinema.

When I was a child, naked tummies were considered indecent exposure on TV and married couples slept in separate beds. What was unacceptable then, has today become common place, as a result of the gradual sexualization of all aspects of entertainment. It seems that the world has been lulled into a state of complacency and acceptance of indecency. And as long as "sex sells" it will remain a tool of advertisers and movie-makers.

There is an abundance of evidence, from multiple sources online that cite the negative effects of sex on TV to our children and our society in general. One result is the increase in the number of sexual crimes and diminished sensitivity to sexual crime victims. (1)

[Read the entire article.](#)

Holy = Set Apart = *Kadosh*

The word we most often see translated as "holy" comes from the Hebrew word, *Kadosh*, which is sometimes transliterated as *Quadosh* or *Kodesh*.

It can just as accurately be used of something set apart for ungodly purposes as God honoring ones. The key issue is NOT just being "set apart",

BUT
being "set apart" to what or Whom?

We are grateful to the Christian Leadership Center for their permission to link to their detailed [word study on Kadosh; both in a direct link here](#) AND in our articles section on the website.

Recording Your Insights and Their Application as You Learn

A few weeks ago I was considering the best way to help people make use of the many resources we include in our work here. The following chart is suggested as one way to maximize your learning potential from each book or audio/video teaching you take precious time to absorb.

I suggest making a one page copy of the following categories for each section or chapter of your resource, and keep them in a three ring binder for ease of reference. (I hope to have this worksheet available on the website soon, too.)



Title of Resource
Chapter/Section Title

Date Completed

Main Topics/Themes presented
(and are these themes related to any other materials?)

Personal Insights Gained

Describe the Inherent Danger of falling into performance or fear-bonded responses to these insights.

Specific Application Examples
(Describe specific ways I have lived out both a heart attitude and behavioral response to this insight.)

Relevant Scripture to this Insight

Two Witnesses
(List two people who would be able to provide a witness that they saw evidence of

this heart/behavior understanding.)

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