Women's Ministries: Week Eighteen.

Lead Me, Holy Spirit by Stormie Omartian

Next Women's Ministry Zoom Meeting:

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This week, we will have a summary of *Led to Be Separate from the World*. Questions for this week's reading of *Led to Be Separate from the Enemy,* Prayer Power and Word Power will follow.

As a Christian, God wants us to be separate from the world. He is holy, His Spirit is holy, and He wants us to be holy the way He is. When we follow His laws and His Holy Spirit lives within us, we think and live differently from the rest of the world. It is the help from the Holy Spirit that guides us away from the pitfalls of the attitudes and practices of the unbelieving world around us.

Living separate from the world doesn't mean we become an isolationist and never touch anyone who is not a born-again, Spirit-filled believer. It means we live under God's control and refuse to be influenced by anything or anyone ungodly. It means we can touch the world with the love of God, yet not be influenced by its practices.

The way you live a holy life is to separate yourself from any transgression of God's ways. Even though the world will try to divert you away from God's purpose for you, reject the counsel of the world and seek the counsel of God.

"Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it" (Deuteronomy 7:26). We don't want to open the door for destruction in our lives because we have something detestable in our home. Ask God to show you about this. It can be things like ungodly artifacts, books that exalt sin or other gods or letters from an old boyfriend before you got married. Look at everything carefully and ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify those things that are accursed in the eyes of God and separate yourselves from it.

It is hard to watch, or be, the person whose life seems full of promise and moving into the promised land of their dreams, fall because they took their eyes off of God and made poor choices. After the fall, that person is never restored to what they originally were, and certainly not to what they could have been. Even though God can redeem time lost and reinstate lost anointing at His discretion, that person will carry the knowledge and effects of the fall. It is better to be led by the Holy Spirit to keep you from stumbling in the first place, and who will always lead you to be *in* the world but not *of* the world.

Questions for this week's reading, *Led to Be Separate from the Enemy,* Prayer Power and Word Power follows.

- 4. Read Ephesians 5:15-16 and 1 Thessalonians 5:22. Write them out as a prayer to God. (For example, "Lord,help me to...")
- **15** So then, be careful how you walk, not as unwise people but as wise, **16** making the most of your time, because the days are evil. –Ephesians 5:15-16
- **22** abstain from every form of evil. –1 Thessalonians 5:22
- 5. Read 1 Peter 5:8 and Psalm 97:10. What are you supposed to do to be separate from the plans of the enemy? What will God do?
- **8** Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

Hate evil, you who love the Lord, Who watches over the souls of His godly ones; He saves them from the hand of the wicked. --Psalm 97:10

Write out a prayer asking God to make you wise enough to never fall for any of the enemy's ploys or traps. Ask Him to show you anything specific that you are doing or not doing that gives place to any of the enemy's plans.

PRAYER POWER

Lord, help me to always recognize the ploys and tactics of the enemy so that I will not aid and abet him in any way. Thank You that You are well able to "deliver me from every evil work" and keep me safe (2 Timothy 4:18). Thank You, Jesus, that You have put the enemy under Your feet. Wherever he tries to erect any kind of stronghold in my life, I pray You will reveal that to me to separate myself from all of his plans. Keep me from believing any lies of the enemy. Help me to live in truth by standing on the truth of Your Word.

Show me anything I need to see so that I can separate myself from all evil. Show me where I have unknowingly aligned myself with the enemy of my soul. Help me to "abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:22). Make me aware when I am not as clearly separated from evil the way You want me to be. If the things I am doing,

seeing, or saying are supporting the enemy, help me to recognize that and lead me away from it. "I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies" (Psalm 18:3). Thank You that You will never leave or forsake me but will always lead me toward You and away from the enemy.

In Jesus' name I pray.

WORD POWER

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. --1 Peter 5:8

You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. --Psalm 97:10

I pray that God will help us all in this week's endeavor to see what we have allowed into our homes and hearts that hinders us from being holy like our Heavenly Father. I pray for strength and courage for us all. God bless.

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