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“A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.” – James Crook

II Corinthians 6 : 14 – 18

“...come out from among them and be separate...”

‘aphorizo’ - to set off by boundary, that is, (figuratively) limit, exclude, appoint, etc; to mark off from others by boundaries, to limit, to separate – in a bad sense: to exclude as disreputable; in a good sense: to appoint, set apart for some purpose

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John 17 : 15 – 17, 20

Do not take them out of the world...just keep them from the evil one...

Sanctify them

‘hagiazō’ – to make holy, that is (ceremonially) purify or consecrate; to separate from profane things and dedicate to God

Romans 12 : 2

Be transformed not conformed

‘suschematizō’ – to fashion alike, that is, conform to the same pattern (figuratively); to conform one’s self (i.e. one’s mind or character) to another’s pattern

‘metamorphōō’ – to transform; to change into another form, to transform, to transfigure

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Why were the Apostles such good Leaders to Christ?

Acts 17 : 6

They “...turned the world upside down...”

‘anastatoo’ – properly to drive out of home, that is, (by implication to disturb (literally or figuratively

The Apostles were not “politically correct”

The Apostles did not “bend” the truth to appease the masses

The Apostles spoke the unadulterated truth plainly and humbly

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Acts 2 : 36

“...whom you crucified...”

Acts 3 : 13 – 15

“you denied...asked for a murderer...killed the Prince of life...”

Acts 4 : 10

“...whom you crucified...”

The Apostles were not afraid to tell the truth, to tell the people they were in sin and they needed to do something about it.

Why are we?

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We must be careful where and how we lead.

Was Peter a leader?

Was he always a leader of good things?

Galatians 2 : 11 – 13

Peter lead many Jews including Barnabas away from the truth and towards hypocrisy.

Why? – For fear of the Jews.

We cannot lead anyone to Christ while being afraid of the crowd!

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John 7 : 10 – 13

Who at the feast could have lead someone to Christ?

No one – they were afraid of the crowd.

John 9 : 18 – 23

Could the man's parents lead someone to Christ?

No – they were afraid of the crowd.

John 12 : 37 – 43

Could any of the Jewish leaders lead someone to Christ?

No – they were afraid of the crowd.

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Why were the Apostles such good Leaders to Christ?

John 6 : 66 – 67

“Do you also want to go away?”

Do you also want to turn your back on Me?

We have to turn our back to someone...

It's either the crowd or it's Christ.

“...you cannot serve God and mammon.” Matthew 6 : 24

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life...” John 6 : 68