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## What Is Holding Us Back?

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2 Corinthians 6





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2 Corinthians 5:17-20, 6:1    The Message (MSG)

*Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; **a new life burgeons!** Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives.*

*Companions as we are in this work with you, we beg you, please **don't squander one bit of this marvellous life** God has given us.*



2 Corinthians 6:2 MSG

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## 2 Corinthians 6:2b-3

*Well, now is the right time to listen, the day to be helped. Don't put it off; don't frustrate God's work by showing up late, throwing a question mark over everything we're doing*







## 2 Cor. 6:4-10 MSG

*Our work as God's servants gets validated—or not—in the details. People are watching us as we stay at our post, alertly, unswervingly . . . in hard times, tough times, bad times; when we're beaten up, jailed, and mobbed; working hard, working late, working without eating; with pure heart, clear head, steady hand; in gentleness, holiness, and honest love; when we're telling the truth, and when God's showing his power; when we're doing our best setting things right; when we're praised, and when we're blamed; slandered, and honoured; true to our word, though distrusted; ignored by the world, but recognized by God; terrifically alive, though rumoured to be dead; beaten within an inch of our lives, but refusing to die; immersed in tears, yet always filled with deep joy; living on handouts, yet enriching many; having nothing, having it all.*





# Having nothing - having it all.

“If you grasp and cling to life on your terms, you'll lose it, but if you let that life go, you'll get life on God's terms.”

Jesus Luke 17:33 MSG



## 2 Corinthians 6:11-13 The Message

*Dear, dear Corinthians, I can't tell you how much I long for you to enter this wide-open, spacious life. We didn't fence you in. The smallness you feel comes from within you. Your lives aren't small, but you're living them in a small way. I'm speaking as plainly as I can and with great affection. Open up your lives. Live openly and expansively!*

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King James Version







Further up and further in!

C. S. Lewis

## 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

*Don't become partners with those who reject God. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That's not partnership; that's war. Is light best friends with dark? Does Christ go strolling with the Devil? Do trust and mistrust hold hands? Who would think of setting up pagan idols in God's holy Temple? But that is exactly what we are, each of us a temple in whom God lives. God himself put it this way:*

*"I'll live in them, move into them;  
I'll be their God and they'll be my people.  
So leave the corruption and compromise;  
leave it for good," says God.*

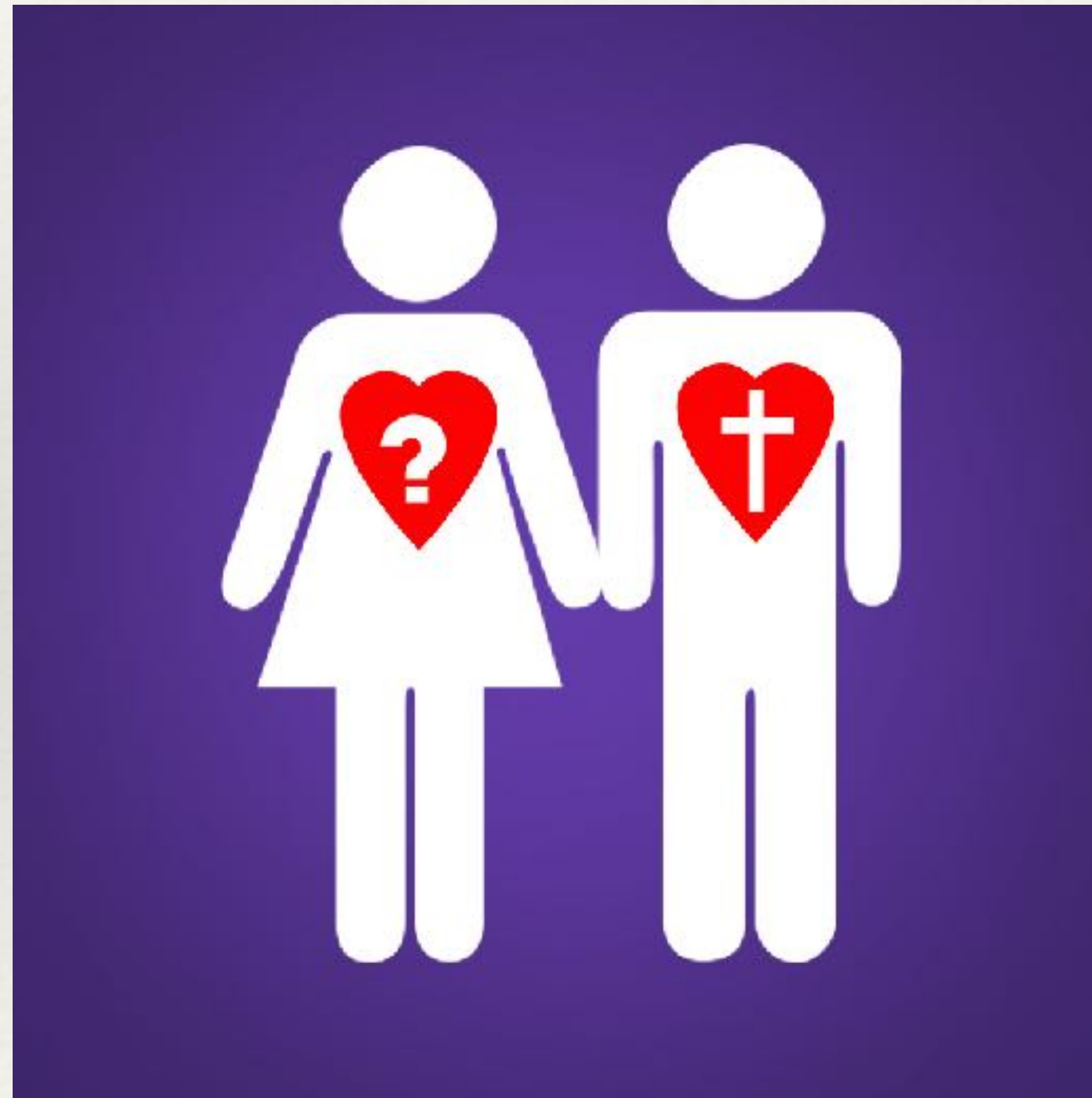
*"Don't link up with those who will pollute you.  
I want you all for myself.  
I'll be a Father to you;  
you'll be sons and daughters to me."*

*The Word of the Master, God.*

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2 Corinthians 6:14 NIV

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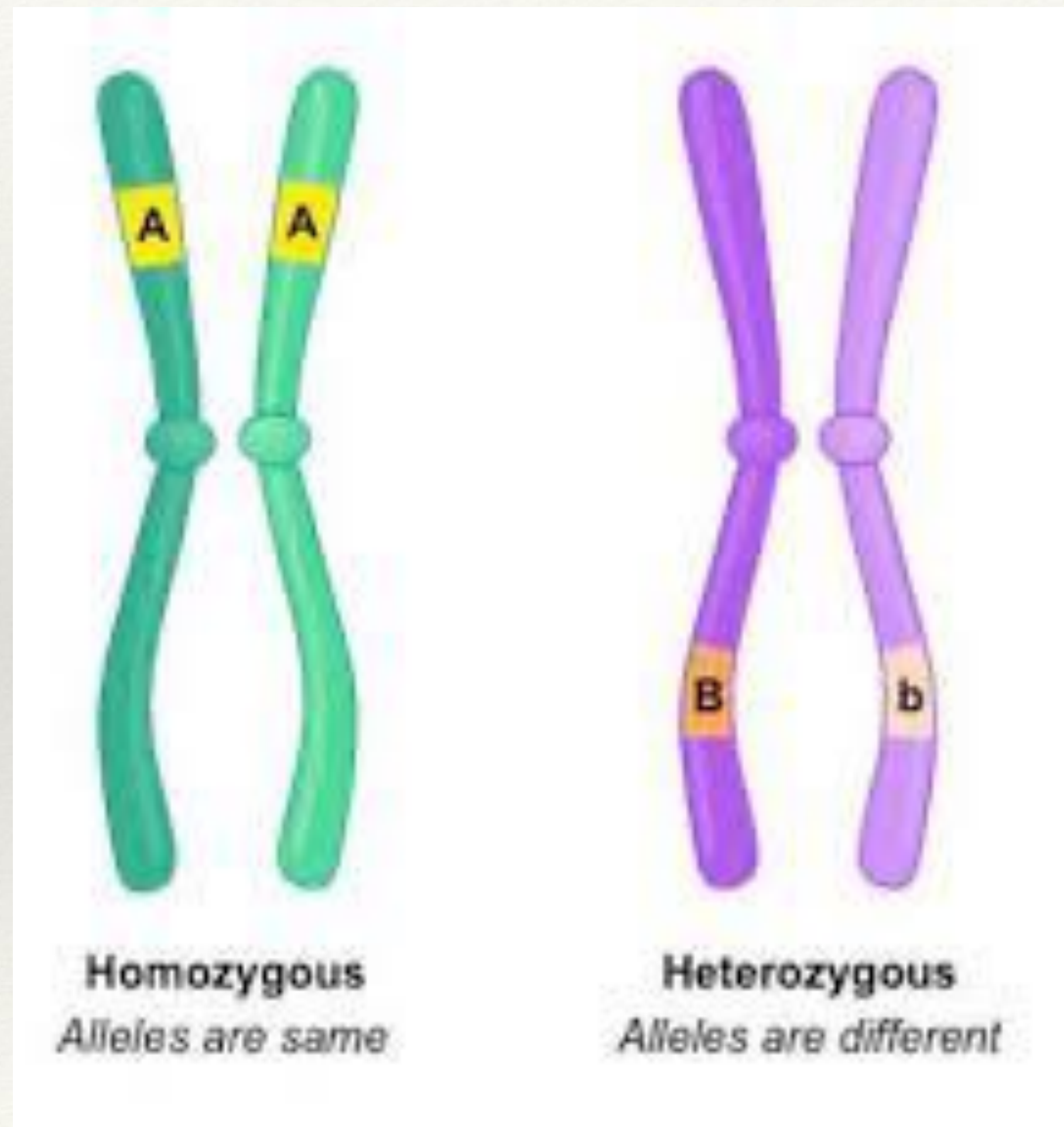
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