
Dealing with Immorality

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Corinth was noted for its loose and licentious living. There was a lack of moral standards and the lack of morals was invading the church. Paul condemns the sin of incest in the church and challenges the offender and the leaders of the church to deal with it in a Godly way. God's Word identifies important actions for us to take in dealing with immorality.

1. We must mourn a _____ when immorality occurs

1 Corinthians 5:1-3

- a) The church is not _____ from "*porneia*" (vs. 1)
- b) We are not supposed to be "big enough" to _____ the sin of immorality (vs. 2)
- c) The sinner must _____ or be removed (vs. 2-3)
 - The body of Christ loses _____ in worship when immorality is present.

2. We must remain _____ from sin in worship

1 Corinthians 5:4-8

- a) Immorality forces a choice between the influence of Christ and the influence of _____ (vs. 4-5)
- b) Sin that is considered "OK" will _____ through the body of Christ (vs. 6-7)
- c) Spiritual worship requires _____ and truth (vs. 8)
 - The body of Christ loses their _____ in worship when immorality is present.

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3. We must associate with sinners in the _____

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

- a) You will always find _____, greed, stealing by violence, idolatry, slandering and drunkards in the world (vs. 9-11)
- b) There are many people in the world who have _____ Satan's lies (vs. 10)
- c) God _____ those outside the church and the leaders of the church must make a wise judgment concerning those inside the church (vs. 12-13)
 - The body of Christ loses their _____ in worship when immorality is present.

❖ Insight for life:

I agree with God that immorality (*porneia*) is _____.

I choose to _____ immorality from my life.

I will challenge my brothers and sisters in Christ to _____ between the truth of Jesus and the lies of Satan in the issue of immorality.

My Thoughts:

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1. We must mourn a loss when immorality occurs

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- a) The church is not exempt from "*porneia*" (vs. 1)
- b) We are not supposed to be "big enough" to accept the sin of immorality (vs. 2)
- c) The sinner must repent or be removed (vs. 2-3)
 - The body of Christ loses unity in worship when immorality is present.

2. We must remain separate from sin in worship

1 Corinthians 5:4-8

- a) Immorality forces a choice between the influence of Christ and the influence of Satan (vs. 4-5)
- b) Sin that is considered "OK" will spread through the body of Christ (vs. 6-7)
- c) Spiritual worship requires sincerity and truth (vs. 8)
 - The body of Christ loses their purity in worship when immorality is present.

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3. We must associate with sinners in the world

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

- a) You will always find immorality, greed, stealing by violence, idolatry, slandering and drunkards in the world (vs. 9-11)
- b) There are many people in the world who have believed Satan's lies (vs. 10)
- c) God judges those outside the church and the leaders of the church must make a wise judgment concerning those inside the church (vs. 12-13)
 - The body of Christ loses their witness in worship when immorality is present.

❖ **Insight for life:**

I agree with God that immorality (*porneia*) is sin.

I choose to remove immorality from my life.

I will challenge my brothers and sisters in Christ to choose between the truth of Jesus and the lies of Satan in the issue of immorality.

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