

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 06 Jun..... 1Cor 1-3 ..... Promoting Church Unity
- 2) 13 Jun..... 1Cor 4 ..... Encouraging Church Leaders
- 3) 20 Jun..... 1Cor 5-6 ..... **Practicing Christian Morality**
- 4) 27 Jun..... 1Cor 7 ..... What Should I Do?
- 5) 04 Jul..... 1Cor 8-11 ..... What Can I Do?
- 6) 11 Jul..... 1Cor 12 & 14 ..... Spiritual Gifts Today
- 7) 18 Jul..... 1Cor 13 ..... Expressing True Love
- 8) 25 Jul..... 1Cor 15-16 ..... Believing in the Resurrection
- 9) 01 Aug ..... 2Cor 1-2 ..... The Integrity Factor
- 10) 08 Aug ..... 2Cor 3-5 ..... The Faithfulness Factor
- 11) 15 Aug ..... 2Cor 5-7 ..... The Reconciliation Factor
- 12) 22 Aug ..... 2Cor 7-9 ..... The Long Distance Factor
- 13) 29 Aug ..... 2Cor 10-13 ..... The Improvement Factor

**INTRODUCTION**

- Let’s recall God’s ideal arrangement for sexual relationships
  - ♦ 1 man and 1 woman for life
  - ♦ The couple should not be closely related or a forbidden partner such as a blood relative, someone else’s spouse, someone of the same sex, an animal, or a step-mother (see Leviticus 18)
- When is it appropriate to ignore, challenge, or discipline someone’s sinful behavior within the church?

Example Incidences	What To Do
A Deacon uncharacteristically mutters a cuss word after hitting his thumb with a hammer	Ignore (1 Peter 4:8)
A Pastor/Minister is seen drinking beer in a restaurant	Challenge (1Tim 5:19-20; James 5:20)
Two unmarried church attendees (non-members/non-Christians) are living together	Challenge (James 5:20)
Two unmarried church members (presumed Christians) are living together	Discipline (Mat 18:16-17)

Passage	Comments
6:1-8	<p><b>The Saints Will Judge the World &amp; Angels</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therefore, we should be able to judge matters in the church without airing dirty laundry before the world                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Yet, we are not to judge others with partiality (James 4:11-12; 5:9), nor judge our leaders without having all the facts (1Cor 4)</li> <li>♦ Remember to take the log out of our own eye before removing splinters out of others...Mat 7:1-5</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v5. “I say this to your shame” – Proper shame has a way to encourage us to do what’s right</li> <li>• v7. “Why not rather be wronged” – In other words, one should be willing to take a loss for the sake of restoring fellowship</li> </ul>
6:9-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v11. “Such were some of you...” – The only difference between us and the world is we are washed - cleansed from our past, set apart (sanctified) for new works, eternally secure within Christ</li> </ul>
6:12-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v12. “All things are lawful but not profitable” – we may have the liberty to do many things (drink alcohol, eat meat, watch shady movies, tend bar) but we need to evaluate our culture, our testimony, and how our actions may make others slip</li> </ul>
Note – Principle of Accommodation	<p>Paul would not eat meat if it caused a weaker Christian to fall into sin, but Paul would not change his behavior to stop offending the religious leaders of his day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timothy was circumcised to win Jews .....Act 16:3</li> <li>• Titus was not circumcised to please Jews ..... Gal 2:3</li> </ul>
6:15-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual immorality (sin against our body – which is the Temple of God) is treated differently from all other sins</li> <li>• God made the rules. Since we are bought by Him we need to follow his rules to position us for blessings</li> </ul>

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1Cor 5:1-8	<p><b>Remove Immorality from the church</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apostle Paul does not mince words. He told them to kick the “wicked” person out of church and have no further fellowship with him till he repents</li> <li>• Paul condemned the Corinthians for being proud of how they accommodated and well-treated sinful believers. They forgave (acted like nothing was wrong) before there was true repentance</li> <li>• v5. “Deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh” happened when the sinner was thrust out of the church, which is protected by the Holy Spirit, and had to enter Satan’s domain</li> </ul>
Note 1	<p>What comes first –Repentance or Forgiveness? We will see in 2Cor 2:5-12 the Church was to forgive the “wicked” person after he repented of his sins</p>
Note 2	<p>Even when a Christian sins horribly, his salvation is secure– but his life could be cut short</p>
5:9-13	<p><b>Do Not Associate with Immoral Believers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some may state we should be loving, forgiving &amp; generous to all, especially to those within the church - BUT – Bible teaches treatment is based on behavior                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- - If unrepentant, treat ‘em as a heathen ..... Mt 18:17</li> <li>- - If some are prodigal, leave them alone ....Lk 15:16</li> <li>- - If some are contentious, avoid them .... Rom 16:17</li> <li>- - If some don’t work, they don’t eat..... 2Thes 3:10</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv10-11. We also need to treat immoral Christians different from immoral non-Christians                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ It is OK to maintain friendships with immoral non-believers to possibly win them to Christ</li> <li>♦ But we are commanded to sever relationships with immoral believers to shame them to repent and to protect the rest of the sheep</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**SUPPORTING PASSAGES:**

Mat 18:16-17 "But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." "And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

1Tim 5:19-20 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses. Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.

1Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

James 5:20 ... he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

**NEXT WEEK:**

1Cor 7 – The “D” word – Another look at Divorce & Remarriage

