



“Bad Company”

Biblical Separation
I Corinthians 5:9-13

Biblical separation examines:

I. Isolation – “yet not altogether with” (vs. 9-10)

Being careful not to:

- A. **Par** _____ – “not to company with fornicators”
- B. **Par** _____ - “with the fornicators...covetous...idolaters”
- C. **Pre** _____ – “for then must ye go out of the world”

II. Insulation – “not to keep company” (v. 11)

Being aware when they:

- A. **P** _____ – “any man that is a brother”
- B. **P** _____ – “be a fornicator”
- C. **P** _____ – “with such an one no not to eat”

III. Introspection – “For what have I to do to judge” (vs. 12-13)

Being diligent in:

- A. **Re** _____ – “do not ye judge them that are within”
- B. **Re** _____ – “But them that are without God judges”
- C. **Re** _____ – “put away...that wicked person”

Sentence Sermon:

“Tolerating wickedness only leads to more wickedness.”

Additional Verses

- ***John 17:15-18***
- ***II Corinthians 6:17***
- ***I Peter 2:9***
- ***I Corinthians 15:33***
- ***I Corinthian 11:27-32***
- ***Colossians 4:5***
- ***I Thessalonians 4:3-7***
- ***I John 5: 19***
- ***Romans 1:18, 24-32***
- ***John 17:15-16***
- ***I Corinthians 6:10***
- ***II Timothy 3:1-5***
- ***Galatians 5:1***
- ***Acts 17:31***
- ***II Corinthians 2:1-11***

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. How would you explain the different levels of associating with someone?
4. What is Paul's main point in verse 10?
5. Why is the list in verse 11 longer than the one in verse 9?
6. What does it mean to judge them that are without?
7. Why is it a better for Christians not to “judge” unbelievers?
8. Why is it ok to “judge” believers within the church and not those without?
9. What does it mean to “put away” that wicked person from the church?
10. What should we hope to communicate to the person that is “put away?”
11. What keeps a church from following the Biblical instruction to separate?