



Saving...

“A study of church
discipline”

The erring

The church

Our families

Ourselves

The case at Corinth conclusions

- There was a man among them who was involved in fornication and it was publicly know
- The church was puffed up with pride/arrogant about this and was doing nothing about it
- They were instructed to put him away and not keep company with him so that...
 - His soul may be saved
 - The church would be pure and not be influenced by sin
- When the church does not respond to sin the way the Spirit has told us to, we are no longer in fellowship with God
- The church is commanded to withdraw from a brother or sister who continues in sin. If they are not in fellowship with God, then we cannot be in fellowship with them.

The case at Thessalonica

- The command to withdraw (vs 6)
 - In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ...(by the authority of Christ) – Col 1:18, 3:17, Matt 28:18, 1Cor 5:4-5
 - Keep away from – NASB
 - Withdraw from – NKJV, KJV, ASV, DBY
 - Every brother who leads an unruly life...NASB
 - Every brother who walks disorderly...NKJV, KJV, ASV, DBY
 - And not according to the traditions you received from us

The case at Thessalonica

- The command to withdraw (vs 6)
 - Keep away, withdraw from...
 - Company/associate/mix with – be intimate with, together with someone, mix yourselves with, to have or keep company, socialize (the instruction is to not be these things with them)
 - Why do we have to withdraw from them?
 - Sin, because they are not in fellowship with God, and we can't have fellowship with darkness – 1 Jn 1
 - Leads an unruly life, walks disorderly...
 - Not keeping order or rank, insubordinate, undisciplined, to behave disorderly, 1 Cor 5:11, Eph 5:3-12

The case at Thessalonica

- The sin of laziness and busybodies
 - If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat, vs 10-11
 - Laziness is being disorderly
 - Lazy – Not willing to work, sluggish, slow-moving
 - Being a busybody is also disorderly
 - Busybody – Meddling in the work of others, prying
 - Work in quietness and eat their own bread, vs 12
 - Do not grow weary in doing good, vs 13; Gal 6:9
 - Never grow tired of doing good, don't be discouraged

The case at Thessalonica

- Further instructions (vs 14-15)
 - Note the person, take special note, mark the man
 - Publicly identify him – Rom 16:17-18, 1 Cor 5:4-5
 - Because of his sin and influence upon the church and individual Christians
 - And for the sake of his soul...
 - Do not associate with him, keep/have no company
 - That he may be ashamed or put to shame

Purpose for withdrawing/discipline

- Matt 18:17 – Gain your brother
- 1 Cor 5:5 – That his soul may be saved
- 2 Thess 3:14 – That he may be put to shame
- 1 Tim 1:20 – May learn not to continue in sin
- Titus 1:10-14 – That they may be sound in the faith
- 1 Cor 5:6-8 – Influence on the church
- Acts 5:11 – Warning the church
- 2 Cor 7:11-12 – Produce Godly sorrow
- 1 Cor 15:33, 2 Pet 3:17, 2 Tim 2:16-18, Rev 2:20-23

When/why are we withdrawing ourselves?

- Matt 18:17 – Refuses to listen and repent
- Rom 16:17 – Cause dissension, hindrances, disharmony
- 1 Cor 5 – Immorality, old leaven, wicked man
- 2 Thess 3 – Walketh disorderly, unruly, does not obey
- Titus 3:10 – A factious, divisive, heretic man
- 2 John 9-11 – Does not bring teachings of Christ
- Eph 5:1-21 – Unfruitful deeds/works of darkness
- 2 Cor 6:14-7:1 – Lawlessness, darkness, unbeliever
- 1 Tim 6:3-5 – Teaches otherwise, proud
- 1 Tim 1 – Rejected faith and suffered shipwreck

Commands to withdraw ourselves

- Matt 18:17 – Let him be to you as a heathen/tax gatherer
- Rom 16:17 – Avoid, turn away from them
- 1 Cor 5 – Purge out, not keep company, put away
- 2 Thess 3 – Withdraw yourselves, do not associate
- Titus 3:10 – Reject a factious man
- 2 John 9-11 – Do not receive him
- Eph 5:1-21 – Do not participate, have no fellowship
- 2 Cor 6:14-7:1 – Do not be bound together, what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness
- 1 Tim 6:5 – Withdraw yourselves

The case at Thessalonica

- Do not regard (count) him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother – vs 15
 - Admonish – to warn, exhort, reprove, caution
 - He's a brother that needs encouragement to do what's right
 - He's a fallen brother that needs to be shown brotherly love, that acts in his best interest
 - Do not hide from or avoid him in this way
 - This is a command to admonish the erring
 - We should not wait to cross paths with them by chance, we need to reach out to them however we can and admonish them as a brother in Christ

Conclusions

- We are commanded to withdraw ourselves from every brother or sister who walks disorderly or leads an unruly life
- We are to work in quiet fashion and not be lazy or busybodies
- They are to be publicly identified in order to make know the brother or sister and the error they are involved in
- We are not to have association with them in order to shame them and save their soul
- We are to admonish the erring as a brother in Christ and not treat them like an enemy
- We need to reach out to them and be proactive about this effort that's commanded by the Lord



Next week...

Lesson 9: How to treat those who we've withdrawn from

Lesson 10: Does it apply to family?