

Responding Appropriately to Immoral Behavior in the Church

1 Corinthians 5:1-5

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Deuteronomy 22:30; 27:20

- " A man shall not take **his father's wife**, nor uncover his father's bed.
- 'Cursed *is* the one who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's bed.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

Leviticus 20:10-11

- 'The man who commits adultery with *another* man's wife, *he* who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death. The man who lies **with his father's wife** has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them.

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2 Corinthians 12:20-21

- For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and *that* I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest *there be* contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults; lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and **I shall mourn** for many who have sinned before and **have not repented** of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced.

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Luke 9:55-56

- But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. **For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save *them*.**" And they went to another village.

2 Peter 3:9

- The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish** but that all should **come to repentance**.

Matthew 18:15-17

- " Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 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**.

Matthew 18:18-20

- "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

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Job 2:3

- Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause."

Job 2:4-6

- So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"
- And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he *is* in your hand, but spare his life."

Job 2:7-8

- So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes.

2 Corinthians 12:7-8

- And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, **a thorn in the flesh** was given to me, **a messenger of Satan to buffet me**, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

Luke 15:14-16

- "But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and **he began to be in want**. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and **no one gave him *anything***.

Luke 15:17-19

- "But when **he came to himself**, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and **I perish with hunger!** I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." '

Hosea 2:7

- She will chase her lovers, But not overtake them; Yes, she will seek them, but not find *them*. Then **she will say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, For then *it was* better for me than now.'**

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 - Consider that church discipline may result in the salvation of such individual (1 Cor 5:5b)

1 Timothy 1:20

- of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan **that they may learn** not to blaspheme.

Luke 16:27-30

- "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'
- "Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'
- "And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, **they will repent.**'
- "But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

Hebrews 9:27

- And as it is appointed for men to die once, but **after this the judgment,**

1 Corinthians 11:31-32

- For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, **we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.**

2 Corinthians 13:5-6

- Examine yourselves *as to whether you are in the faith*. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? -- unless indeed you are disqualified. But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.

1 Peter 2:11-12

- Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts** which war against the soul, **having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles**, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, **glorify God** in the day of visitation.

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