Church Discipline

(1 Corinthians 5–6)

* ***Paul Asks the Corinthians to Contemplate the*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  ***this Sin is Causing in the Church.*** (5:1-13)
* Paul tells the Corinthians they should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the sin. (vs. 1-2)
* Think of this in the context of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in the western world…
  + We are inviting sexual immorality into the church and calling it “God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.
* It is time for the family to mourn and to seek to help the brother or sister who has fallen. (Gal. 6:1-2)
* Paul compels the church to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the sin. (vs. 3-5)
  + We don’t judge other believer’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 7:1-5)
  + Paul calls an official church family meeting at which the offender was dealt with according God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - Public sin must be publicly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 18:15-20)
    - Sin is not to be swept under the rug; This instance was known even among the unsaved who were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the church.
* Paul implores them to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the sin from their church. (vs. 6-13)
  + Yeast is a symbol for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It’s small but powerful; it works secretly; it “puffs up” the dough; it spreads.
* ***Paul Asks the Corinthians to See the*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***this Sin is Causing to the Lost…*** (6:1-8)
* The church at Corinth was losing its ability to reach the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in their own city.
  + The Corinthians were also aware of the lawsuits involving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the church. (2 Cor. 7:1)
* The believers were presenting a bad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the lost.
  + Even the unbelieving Jews dealt with their civil cases in their own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ courts.
  + The congregation had failed to live up to its full \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. (I Corinthians 1:1-2)
* The members suing each other had already \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what was most important.
* ***Paul Asks the Corinthians to Consider Their Own*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***Wellbeing.*** (6:9-20)
* Paul pointed out that God created \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when He made the first man and woman, and therefore He has the right to tell us how to use it.
  + The Bible has instructions for proper sexual relations, and they must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 6:9, Romans 1:26-27)
* Sexual sins affect the entire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + They affect the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, leading to slavery. (1 Cor. 6:12b)
  + Sex is scary, it can get a hold of a person and wreck their entire life, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them to habits that destroy.
  + It also affects a person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 6:18)
  + It also affects a person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. People who practice such sins will not inherit God’s kingdom. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)
* ***Paul Asks the Corinthians to Consider their*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***with God.***
* The offense to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_… (vs. 12-14)
  + He created our bodies, and one day He will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all things and resurrect the church for His glory.
* The offense to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_… (vs. 15-18)
  + The believer’s body is a member of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:12)
* Jesus Christ bought the church at a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ price and therefore our bodies belong to Him. (1 Cor. 6:20)
* The offense to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.. (vs. 19-20)
  + God the Father created our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; God the Son \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_them and made them part of His body; and God the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our bodies and makes them the very temple of God.

***So What Now?***

* When faced with a potential conflict with someone within the church we must know Matthew 18 inside and out.
* When dealing with sin we must be compassionate but firm. (Fear should never keep us from holiness.)
* Our witness to the world is lost if we allow sexual sin to run rampant.
* God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are all involved in what we do with our bodies. If we break God’s laws, then we must pay the penalty (Rom. 1:24-27).