

Sermon Discussion Questions for:

Bad Associations

I Cor. 5:1-13

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1. What are the positive virtues of the Corinthian excommunication of the offending member?
2. Do you want to share when you had to excise someone or something in your life for your life in order to flourish in Christ?
3. The Acronym HALT: Hungry, angry, lonely, tired describes some of the times when we are most open to temptation and failure. Who can help us at these times? What is the prescription following a fearless moral inventory?
4. Do you mean business with God? Do you believe he know what is best for you? When Paul says put to death, therefore, that which is earthly in you, is he trying to punish and withhold from us or lead us into greener pastures and bring us beside still waters?

1 Corinthians 5:1-13 (ESV)

¹It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. ²And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. ³For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. ⁴When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, ⁵you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. ⁶Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. ⁹I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— ¹⁰not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. ¹¹But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. ¹²For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? ¹³God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."

Remember leaders: these are only suggested questions and ideas. Trust the Lord to guide and direct you, because He loves you, in any way the Spirit leads!