

1 Corinthians 5 • Correcting the Worst Case Scenario

1. (v.1-5) To willfully ignore **unaddressed** sin in fellow believers creates an issue of **sin** for the body at large. It is not an issue about a single **mistake** but a **lifestyle**.
2. (v.6-8) Just as each individual believer is a visible **testimony** to the world, so is the whole **Body of Christ**; just as individual **hearts** are to be intolerant of allowing sin permanent residence, so too the **Church**.
3. (v.9-13) Church discipline is supposed to serve as a **testimony** to the world and a **warning** to the Church that God expects His children to be **different** from the world.
 - a. What the biblically “wicked” all have in common:
 - 1) They rebel against **authority**.
 - 2) The rebel against **God’s Word**.
 - 3) They engage in activities harmful to **others**.
 - 4) They live **contrary** to what both God and the world expect.
4. Overall Application
 - a. Believers identified in Scripture who should not be permitted to fellowship in the local church:
 - 1) The member who will not settle **personal** differences. (Mt. 18:15-17)

- 2) The member who claims to be a Christian but does not live at all like one to the **detriment** of others. (1 Co. 5:8-11)
 - 3) The member who holds to **false doctrine**. (1 Ti. 1:18-20; 2 Ti. 2:17-18)
 - 4) The member who causes **divisions**. (Titus 3:10-11)
 - 5) The member who refuse to **work for a living**. (2 Th. 3:6-12)
- b. The common denominator is they continue to live in the character of their old, **unregenerate** life.
 - c. It is not about a single **sin**, but a **lifestyle**. (Gal. 6:1)
 - d. In Jesus’ day Judaism became ineffectual because of the **hypocrisy** among God’s people; today Christianity is no longer salt and light because of **hypocrisy**.