

Text: 1 Corinthians 5:3-5  
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Study: First Corinthians  
Week: 21  
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# HOLINESS <sup>part 2</sup>

## *Caring Enough to Confront Unholy Behavior*



1. Agree \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.3-4)

2. Risk \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5a)

3. Bail \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5b)

1 Cor. 5:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. And I have already passed judgment on the one who did this, just as if I were present. <sup>4</sup> When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, <sup>5</sup> hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord. (NIV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. What current cultural/societal values make it difficult for the average person to fathom ever "meddling in someone else's life" when it comes to their moral behavior?

Do you think any of these cultural/societal values have ever kept you from getting involved in another Christian's life when you should have? When did that happen? How might you have helped?

What is at stake if all Christians just "mind their own business" and never again confront another Christian who has fallen into a sinful pattern of behavior?

2. Describe a situation in which a godly person pointed out your sin and successfully helped you out of it.
3. What scares you most about confronting a fellow Christian about their ongoing pattern of sinful behavior?

How do the truths we looked at in the sermon help you to overcome those apprehensions?

4. Read Ephesians 5:25-27. How deeply do you care about the purity of Christ's Church? Write out a prayer of commitment that expresses your concern as well as your willingness to be used by God to confront someone's sin if God so chooses.

*We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*Gen. 38-39 & Mt. 19*

**Monday**

*Gen. 40-41 & Mt. 20*

**Tuesday**

*Gen. 42-43 & Mt. 21*

**Wednesday**

*Gen. 44-45 & Mt. 22*

**Thursday**

*Gen. 46-47 & Mt. 23*

**Friday**

*Gen. 48-50 & Mt. 24*

**Saturday**

*Ex. 1-2 & Mt. 25*

*Here are some resources to help you pursue God in holiness and sincerity.*

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