

Text: 1 Corinthians 5:9-13
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Study: First Corinthians
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HOLINESS

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When the Monastery is Not an Option



1. Keep _____ (vv.9-10)

2. Keep _____ (vv.11-13)

1 Cor. 5:9-13

⁹I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— ¹⁰not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. ¹¹But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat. ¹²What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked man from among you." (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. Read Luke 15:1. Though you've probably never signed up to be a monk, in what ways do you think you have retreated from contact with the world to the extent that your impact on the people of the world has been impaired?

How purposeful is your interaction with the world? What can you do to make it more so?

2. Read Matthew 5:14-16. List the names of non-Christian people with whom you come in contact on a regular basis. Take a few minutes right now to pray that you would have an effective and significant impact on them.
3. Read Psalm 1:1. Describe a situation when simply "hanging out" with non-Christians has clearly been an "unblessed" event for your Christian life.
4. Read James 4:4-5. How would you know if you have bought into the world's values (i.e., if you are "loving the world")?

Practically speaking, what should you do about this? (see James 4:6-10)

Is there a professing "Christian" within your circle of friends who could use your help working through issues like this? When will you speak with him or her about this?

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

Sunday

Ex. 17-18 & Mk. 5

Monday

Ex. 19-20 & Mk. 6

Tuesday

Ex. 21-22 & Mk. 7

Wednesday

Ex. 23-24 & Mk. 8

Thursday

Ex. 25-26 & Mk. 9

Friday

Ex. 27-28 & Mk. 10

Saturday

Ex. 29-30 & Mk. 11

Here are some resources to help you understand and implement the distinctions discussed in this week's sermon.

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