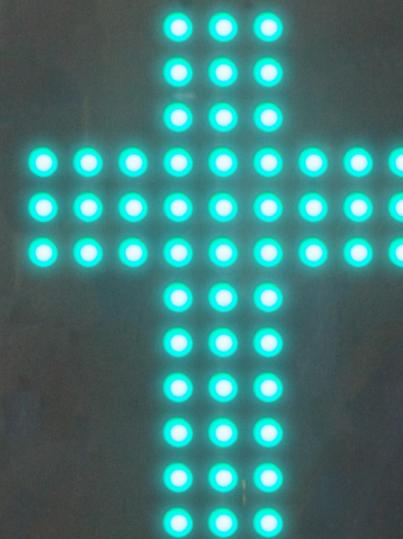


1st Corinthians and 21st Century Living

HOLINESS REVISITED



1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-2

¹ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife. ² And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this?

—A. W. TOZER
KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY

“Until we have seen ourselves as God sees us, we are not likely to be much disturbed over conditions around us as long as they do not get so far out of hand as to threaten our comfortable way of life. We have learned to live with unholiness and have come to look upon it as the natural and expected thing.”



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- The sin



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- The sinner



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- The sin
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- The church



I CORINTHIANS 3:16-17

¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

Two steps forward...

- **DISCIPLINE:**
Intervene lovingly but toughly



1 CORINTHIANS 5:3-4

³ For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:3-4

⁴ So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, ⁵ hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

JESUS, MATTHEW 18:15-17

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’

JESUS, MATTHEW 18:15-17

¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

I CORINTHIANS 5:9-11

⁹ I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—¹⁰ not 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.

I CORINTHIANS 5:9-11

¹¹ But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

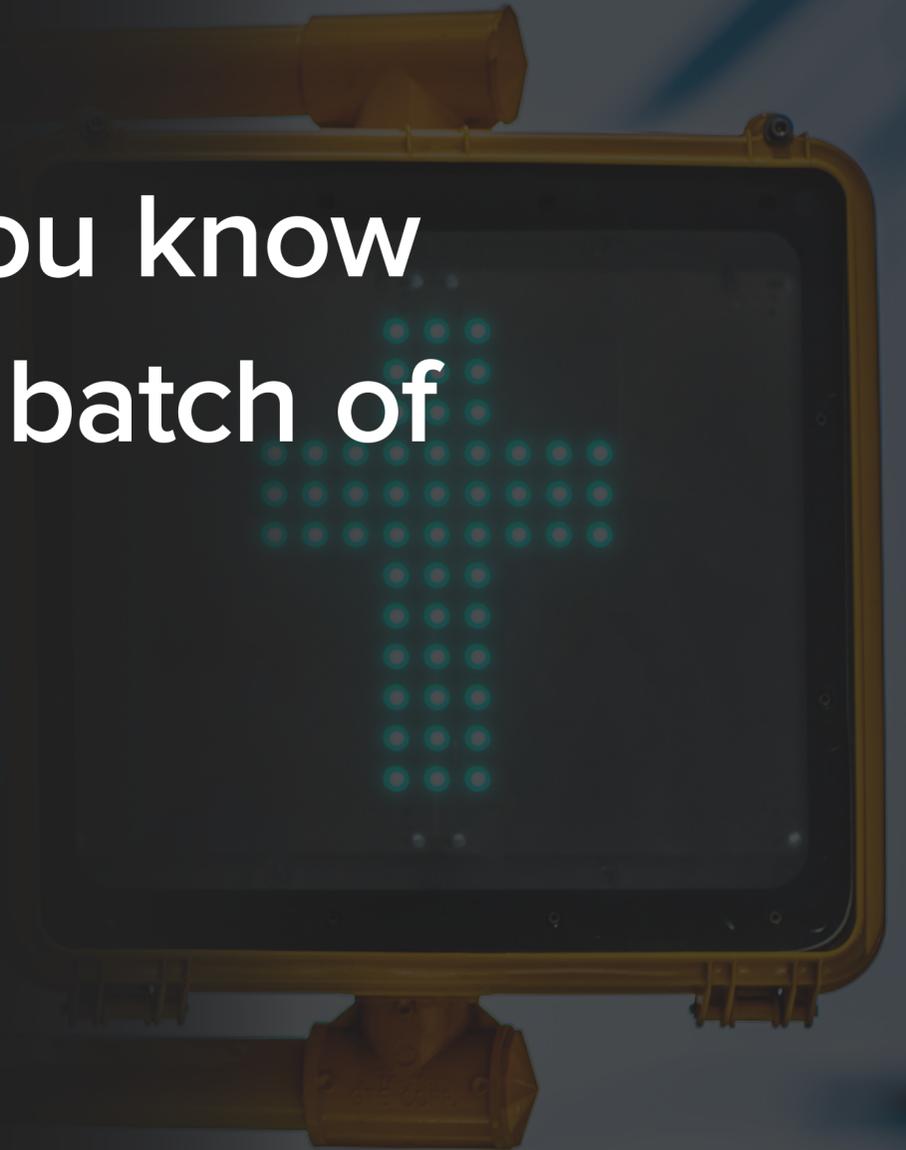
Two steps forward...

- **DISCIPLINE:**
Intervene lovingly but toughly
- **PROTECTION:**
Elevate the importance of holiness



I CORINTHIANS 5:6

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- Understand that sin affects everyone

I CORINTHIANS 5:7

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- Repent in light of Christ's sacrifice

I CORINTHIANS 5:8

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—• Love the holiness of God

—BOB SORGE
SECRETS OF THE SECRET PLACE

“This pursuit of holiness is not a burden but rather a profound privilege. Happy holiness is one of the quiet secrets of the Kingdom—a purity of heart that opens the pathways to the greatest heights of communion with God...”



—BOB SORGE
SECRETS OF THE SECRET PLACE

“...I used to define holiness more by what we don't do , but now I define it more by what we do do. Holiness is found in drawing near to the holy flame of the Trinity. There, anything unholy is burned like stubble, and all that is holy is enflamed and made hotter.”



¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
or take your **Holy Spirit** from me.

PSALMS 51:10-11

