



LIFE APPLICATION MESSAGE
 SERIES: THE PRODIGAL CHURCH
 TEACHING: PART 10, WHEN IT'S GOD-HONORING TO CONFRONT
 SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 5

"It 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."

1 Corinthians 5:1 (ESV)

Two Observations:

1. The Problem of _____ that Results in _____.

"And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you."

1 Corinthians 5:2 (ESV)

2. The Power of _____ and His Ability to _____.

"For 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. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, ***with the power of our Lord Jesus***, you 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.***"

1 Corinthians 5:3-5 (ESV)

"Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted."

Galatians 6:1 (ESV)

"I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people – not 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. But 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."

1 Corinthians 5:9-11 (ESV)

_____ is a part of _____ in the family of God.

JESUS: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

Matthew 5:9 (ESV)

“The word “NICE” doesn’t appear in the Bible. This may be surprising because many of us have been taught Christians are supposed to be “nice.” Be polite. Don’t be confrontational. Let it go. Don’t make waves. Keep your mouth shut. Don’t offend....I want you to be KIND. The words KIND (250) and KINDNESS (56) are found over three hundred times in the Bible—and a careful reading of each use reveals what God calls us to is much more than being dysfunctionally NICE to one another. God calls us to BE KIND.”

Dr. Jeff Greenway, Senior Pastor, Reynoldsburg UMC

Let me share one more part of Jeff’s devotion because he puts it better than I could:

“In his book, ‘Loving Kindness,’ Barry Corey, the president of Biola University, helps distinguish between NICENESS and KINDNESS. He writes, ‘Whereas aggression has a firm center and hard edges, niceness has soft edges and a spongy center. Niceness may be pleasant, but it lacks conviction. It has no soul. Niceness trims its sails to prevailing cultural winds and wanders aimlessly, standing for nothing and thereby falling for everything.’ ... KINDNESS, on the other hand, has what Corey calls, “a firm center with soft edges.” Kindness has conviction. It has courage. It has a solid backbone. It’s also after something more than being accepted or getting along. It’s a radical commitment to speaking truth. It expresses costly love. Kindness isn’t blandly pleasant, and it’s definitely not safe. Kindness takes risk. It walks lovingly toward difficulty and risks derision. It doesn’t shrink in the face of conflict. NICENESS avoids conflict and retreats from the prospect of adversity. It prefers the comfort of the status quo. Kindness doesn’t revel in tumult, but it has the fortitude to persevere in love in spite of it.”

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“Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”

1 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)

“Let 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.”

1 Corinthians 5:8 (ESV)