

Something Worse Than Sin

Sunday, July 23rd 2017

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Growth Group Fill in the Blank Worksheet

(Fill out during the Sermon)

1. "Evil prevails when good men do _____".
2. (Wiersbe) No church is perfect, but human imperfection must never be an excuse for sin. Just as parents must discipline their children in love, so local churches must exercise discipline over the members of the assembly. Church discipline is not a group of "pious policemen" out to catch a criminal. Rather, it is a group of _____ brothers and sisters seeking to restore an erring member of the family.
3. Wrong thinking leads to wrong priorities which leads to wrong _____.
4. Some judgment is permitted, and some is not. "While Christians are not to judge one another's _____ or ministries, we are certainly expected to be honest about each other's _____." (Wiersbe)
5. Church discipline should always be done in the spirit of _____ and concern with the intention and goal of restoration rather than punishment.
6. "Salvation *in* sin is not possible, it must always be salvation _____ sin." (Spurgeon)

Notes: _____

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(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) What has been your personal experience regarding church discipline?
- 2.) What is the Matthew 18 principle?
- 3.) What is the James 5:19 principle?
- 4.) What is your understanding of 1 Corinthians 5:5?
- 5.) How do you think a church should deal with sin in her midst?
- 6.) Are there some personal lessons in this text that you need to apply to your life? (See Galatians 6:1-2; James 5:16; Matthew 18:21-22)