

Dealing With Carnal Christians Biblically

1 Corinthians 5: 1 - 13 and other verses

The Series Objectives – Disciples are Made, Not Born

1. The _____ We Face. (1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 2: 15 – 16)
2. The Local Church and the _____ of _____. (See Back of Handout)
3. Don't Be _____! Tell People the _____. (1 Cor 5: 1 – 2a)
4. Take _____! Don't _____ Sin in the Camp. (1 Cor 5: 2b – 8; Matt 18: 15 – 17; Romans 16:17; 2 Thess 3:14 – 17; I John 1:9)

Application Points

1. Most believers have never been taught about the _____ and _____, we must teach new believers about these Biblical truths.
2. ALL believers are vulnerable to _____ of carnality or _____ desires. We are in a daily _____.
3. Elders of the church have a spiritual duty to _____, _____, and seek to _____ a _____ believer.
4. If the wayward and _____ believer refuses the _____ and _____ of the Elders, he must be _____ from the church.
5. All believers should _____ themselves regularly, making sure that _____ sin is _____ to the Lord regularly. Seek to be in right _____ daily.

The Local Church and the Problem of Carnality

1. *Divisiveness over preferred teachers.* (1:10 - 12, 3: 1-7)
2. *Tolerance of incest by a member of the church.* (5:1 - 13)
3. *Disputes between members – Lawsuits.* (6: 1 - 11)
4. *Sexual immorality with prostitutes.* (6: 16 - 20)
5. *Impropriety in marriage & singleness.* (7: 1 - 40)
6. *Causing weaker brothers to stumble over the issue of eating food offered to pagan Idols.* (8:1 - 13)
7. *Controversy of women's liberation within marriage and lack of submission towards husbands. The issue of head coverings.* (11: 2-16)

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8. Abuse of the Lord's Supper. Divisions and factions within the Church. (11:17 - 34)
 9. *Arrogance and pride over spiritual gifts and abuses of certain gifts internal to the church.* (12: 1 - 13)
 10. *Rejection of the bodily resurrection of Jesus by some members within the church.* (15: 1 - 19) [Apostasy]
- Nine of these issues that Paul addressed are clearly sinful and stem from fleshly desires, i.e., some level of carnality. One is an issue of Apostasy.
 - Carnality occurs among believers both inside and outside the church. Abandonment of the church is not required. They can be active "members."
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