

# *Keeping Company With Fornicators*

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1 Cor 5:9-13 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

- I. We should not keep company with fornicators ...period.
  - A. If you had the proper understanding about this sin it would not be an issue with you about keeping company with them.
  - B. This sin is in a class all by itself – its damage and effects are more severe and long lasting than other sins.
  - C. Fornication is a sin that includes all other sins put together.
    - 1. Deceit and lies are always involved in it...before, during, and after; you lie to yourself first, and then to whoever you need to lie to in order to get what you want.
    - 2. Total disregard for the law and order of God must be attained before you will cross on over and commit this sin.
    - 3. Total disregard for the feelings and future of others must be your attitude before you can commit this sin.
    - 4. Fornication is stealing...because it is always taking something that does not belong to you and you have no right to.
    - 5. Fornication is totally being led by lust and walking after the flesh ...it is never a result of being led by the Spirit. (but some people insist that to be the case)
    - 6. Fornication is covetousness.
    - 7. Fornication is the very sin that God always uses to properly portray the sin of idolatry.
    - 8. Fornication is always a dishonor to parents.
    - 9. Fornication is always a dishonor to the husband or wife.
    - 10. Fornication is always a dishonor to ones self.

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- D. The influence of this sin is far too strong to overcome when you allow it to become a temptation – therefore we are instructed to flee it.

1 Cor 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

- E. So then, keeping company with fornicators is exactly the opposite of what God tells us to do about it.
- II. Keeping company with fornicators – what is it?
    - A. To spend time with them.
    - B. To get to know them and their thinking.

- C. To allow them to counsel you and influence your thinking and activities.
- D. To talk about the things they like to talk about.
- E. To allow your mind to think of the things that fornicators think about.
- F. The world is full of fornicators, so if you are involved in the world you are keeping company with them.
  - 1. You are listening to them sing their songs about their fornication and adultery.
  - 2. You are watching them in movies and TV shows as they do all the things that lead to fornication and then commit it right in front of your eyes and the eyes of your children.
  - 3. You are reading what they have to say in their books and magazines about their sin – and they even give you full color photographs to look at.
  - 4. Even the clothing catalogs are full of pictures and information that encourage and incite fornication.

III. A fornicator should not be allowed to hang around the church and call himself a Christian.

- A. All fornicators are going to hell – there is no such thing as a saved, born again fornicator:

1 Cor 6:9-11 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

- B. While we must interact with the fornicators of this world in our necessary business it is not necessary to have anything to do with a fornicator who tries to call himself a Christian – it is forbidden by God.
- C. We are to have nothing to do with a person like that – not even to sit down and eat with them.
  - 1. They are liars.
  - 2. They are dangerous to our soul and our life AND to the lives and souls of our children, our spouses, and others.
  - 3. They are covetous and they are scanning the pews in search of a prey for their lusts.
  - 4. They are willing to do anything to indulge themselves in their sin.
  - 5. They have no regard for any authority or order – it doesn't matter to them whose wife or daughter, or husband or son it is.
  - 6. They will take no responsibility for the consequences of their sin – they aren't looking for a relationship, they are simply looking for another prey to fulfill their lusts.
  - 7. Their talk will be filthy and will be filled with lewdness and suggestive comments, which are designed to lure the prey into their snare.
  - 8. Their subtle, sneaky looks and whispers will defile many, especially the young and the weak.

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- 9. Put them out of the church and out of your home and out of your life.

Heb 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.