

Welcome!



1 CORINTHIANS

SINNERS *made* SAINTS

1 Corinthians 4: 14 (ESV)

*I do not write these things
to make you ashamed, but
to admonish you as my
beloved children.*

Question?

What does admonish mean?

Admonish

To express warning or disapproval to especially in a gentle, earnest, caring or protective manner

1 Corinthians 4: 14 (NLT)

I am not writing these things to shame you, but to warn you as my beloved children.

1 Corinthians 4: 15 (ESV)

*For though you have
countless guides in Christ,
you do not have many
fathers. For I became your
father in Christ Jesus
through the gospel.*

guides

paidagwgo / ß paidagōgos,
pahee-dag-o-gos

A tutor

guides

Evidently this church had broken into separate groups or cliques with their own teachers.

1 Corinthians 4: 15 (NLT)

For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the Good News to you.

Question?

What point is Paul making
here?

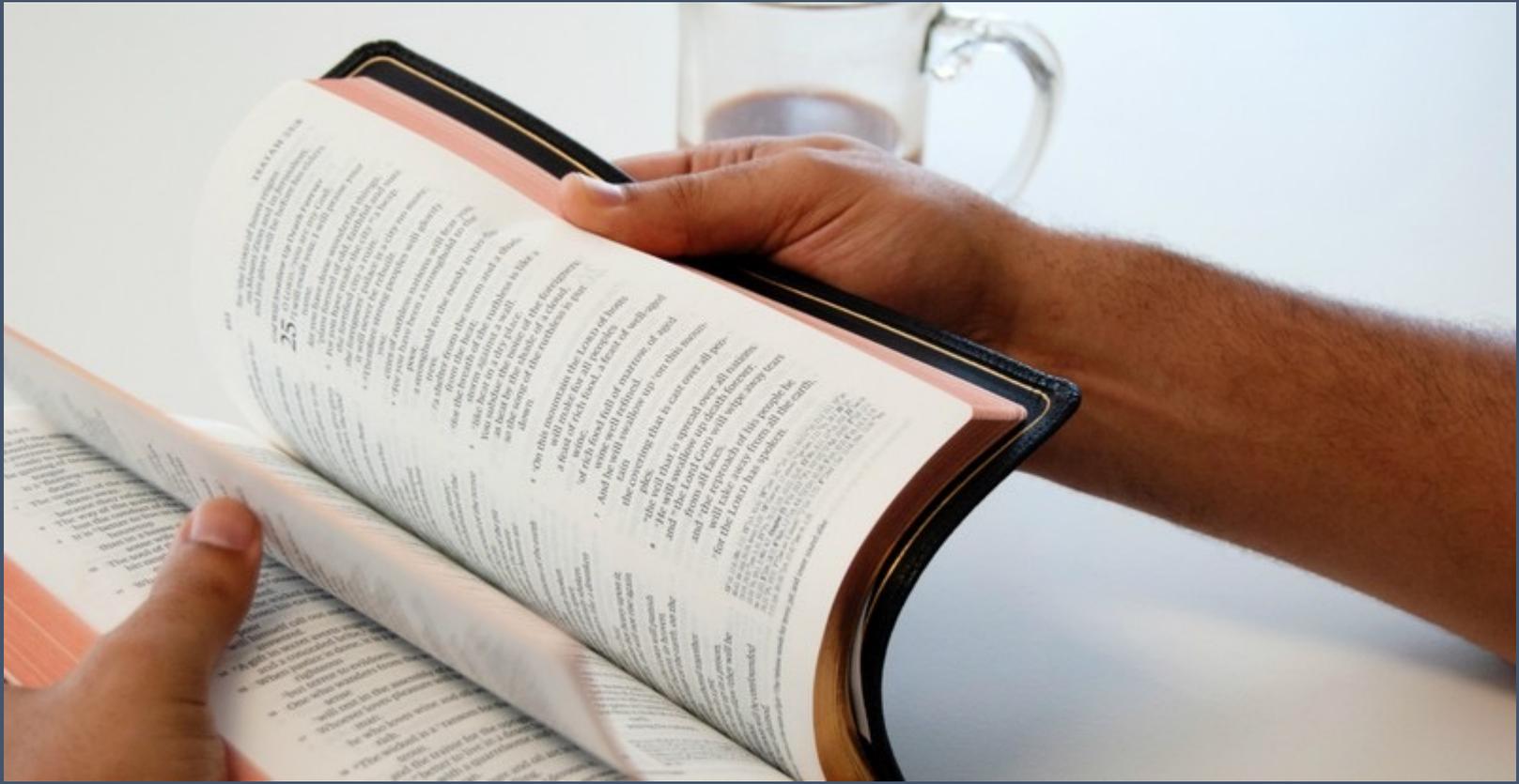
Paul is saying that he planted the Church in Corinth and the church needs to listen to the sound doctrine of the Word and his teachings and not what is being taught in their separate groups.

Question?

What happens when a Church grows in number, but not in maturity or with mature leaders in the Church?

Question?

What characteristics does a typical organization look for in choosing leadership?



Please turn to:
1 Samuel 16

1 Samuel 16: 1 (NLT)

Now **the Lord said** to Samuel, “You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem.

1 Samuel 16: 1 (NLT)

Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king.”

1 Samuel 16: 6 (NLT)

When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the Lord’s anointed!”

Question?

Why is Samuel so confident that Eliab was the one the Lord chose to be king?

1 Samuel 16: 7 (NLT)

*But the Lord said to Samuel,
“Don’t judge by his
appearance or height, for I
have rejected him.”*

1 Samuel 16: 7 (NLT)

*The Lord doesn't see things
the way you see them.
People judge by outward
appearance, but
the Lord looks at the heart."*

1 Corinthians 4: 16 (ESV)

I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Question?

Who is Paul asking this
Church to imitate?

Question?

Then who is Paul asking
this Church not to imitate?

Question?

What would our Church be like if everyone in the Church imitated you?

1 Corinthians 4: 17 (ESV)

That is why I sent you
Timothy, my beloved and
faithful child in the Lord, to
remind you of my ways in
Christ, as I teach them
everywhere in every church.

Question?

Why was Timothy sent to
this Church?

1 Corinthians 4: 17 (ESV)

That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.

1 Corinthians 4: 18 (ESV)

Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you.

Question?

What can we learn about how some in this Church feel about Timothy from this bold statement by Paul?

1 Corinthians 4: 18 (ESV)

Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you.

1 Corinthians 4: 19 (ESV)

*But I will come to you soon,
if the Lord wills, and I will
find out not the talk of these
arrogant people but their
power.*

Question?

Where does the power of these arrogant people in the Church come from?

Question?

Where does Paul's power
come from?

1 Corinthians 4: 20 (ESV)

*For the kingdom of God
does not consist in talk but
in power.*

Question?

What can we learn from this statement?



If you think this is a bold statement from Paul, listen to his next question!

1 Corinthians 4: 21 (ESV)

What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

Question?

What is Paul asking this
Church?

Question?

Is the use of a rod
necessary sometimes?

Question?

Can you summarize what
Paul is doing with this
Church?



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BIG
FOR YOUR
BRITCHES

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1 Corinthians 5: 1 (ESV)

*It is actually reported that
there is sexual immorality
among you,*

Sexual immorality

porneia, por-ni'-ah;

Any sexual act outside of marriage, fornication, adultery, incest, lust, homosexuality...

1 Corinthians 5: 1 (ESV)

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans,

Question?

How bad was the sexual
immorality in this church?

Question?

How badly is a Church
damaged when society
points out the sins in a
church?

1 Corinthians 5: 1 (ESV)

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.

Parent Files Legal Request to Marry Own Adult Child in New York, Calls it 'Individual Autonomy'



Representative photo

The parent also wants laws about the incestuous practice to be overturned.

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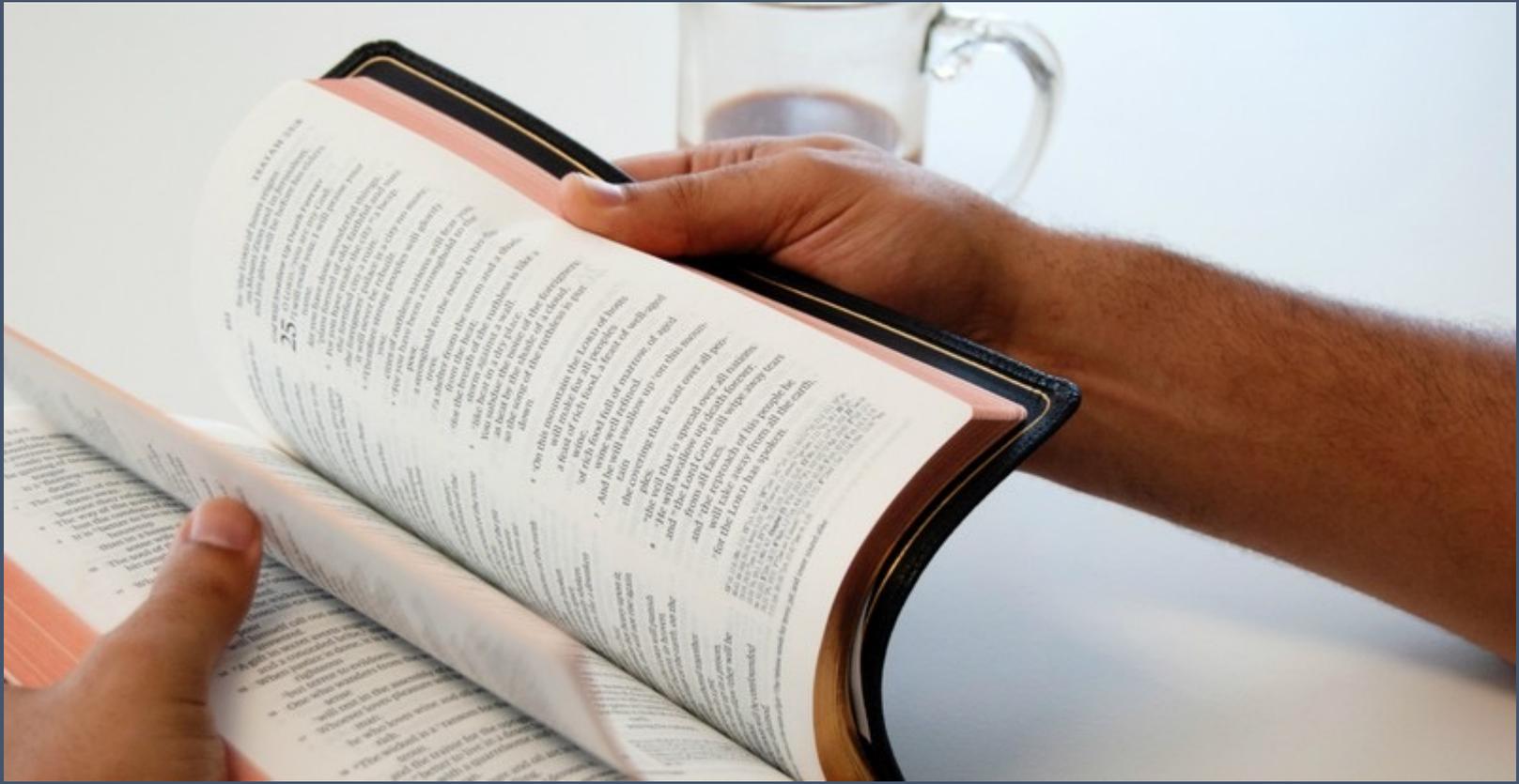
A parent from New York has filed a legal request to marry their own adult child and has called it a case of “individual autonomy.” The parent also wants laws about the incestuous practice to be overturned. According to a [report](#) in the New York Post, the parent wishes to be anonymous because their request is one that will be deemed “morally, biologically and socially repugnant.” The court papers give a very vague description of the parent or the adult child in question and no gender, hometown or other details have been revealed.

In the request, the parent has argued that marriage, a bond between two people, can be seen as a “greater expression of intimacy and spirituality” between two people.



Question?

Why are sexual sins so
damaging?



Please turn to:
1 Thessalonians 4: 4-8

1 Thessalonians 4: 4-8 (NLT)

Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor—not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways.

1 Thessalonians 4: 4-8 (NLT)

Never harm or cheat a fellow believer in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before.

1 Thessalonians 4: 4-8 (NLT)

God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives.

Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

1 Corinthians 5: 2 (NIV)

And you are proud!

Question?

Do we see people proud of
their sexual immorality
today?

Question?

How should a church feel if sexual immorality is present in their membership?

1 Corinthians 5: 2 (NIV)

*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?*

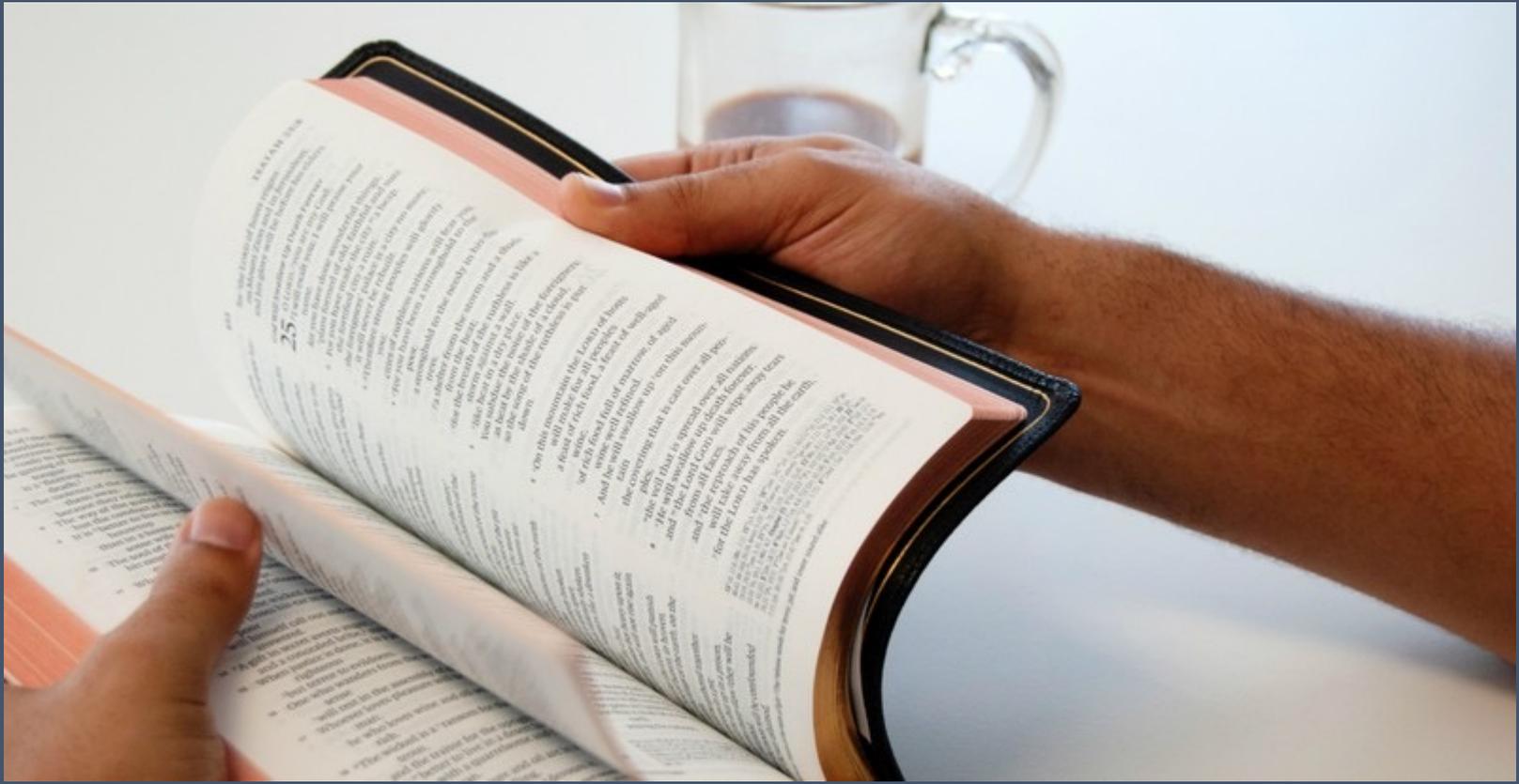
A church's tolerance of sexual immorality does as much damage as an individual's sin of sexual immorality.

1 Corinthians 5: 4 (ESV)

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.

Question?

I thought we are not
supposed to judge?



Please turn to:
2 Timothy 4: 2-4

2 Timothy 4: 2-4 (ESV)

preach the word;

Question?

What does it mean to
preach the word?

2 Timothy 4: 2-4 (ESV)

be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

2 Timothy 4: 2-4 (ESV)

*be ready in season and out of season; **reprove**, **rebuke**, and **exhort**, with complete patience and teaching.*

Question?

What do people who want to keep their sinful lifestyle typically do if a Church preaches Truth?

2 Timothy 4: 2-4 (ESV)

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,

2 Timothy 4: 2-4 (ESV)

*and will turn away from
listening to the truth
and wander off into myths.*

Question?

What should a Church do if a member of the Church continues to live in sin?

1 Corinthians 5: 4-5 (ESV)

*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.*

Question?

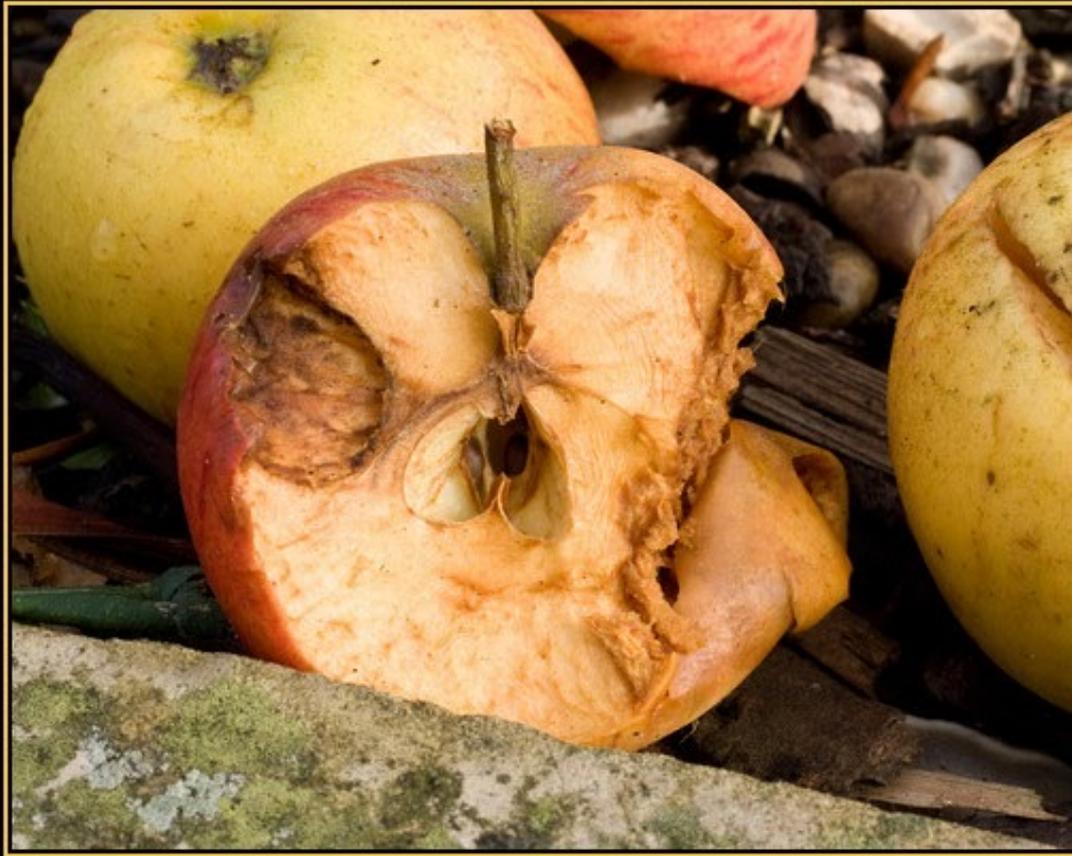
What does Paul mean when he says to deliver them to satan?

1 Corinthians 5: 6 (ESV)

*Your boasting is not good.
Do you not know that a little
leaven leavens the whole
lump?*

Question?

What does Paul mean when
he says a little leaven
leavens the whole lump?



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ONE ROTTEN APPLE SPOILS THE WHOLE BARREL.
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1 Corinthians 5: 7 (ESV)

*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: 8 (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: 9 (ESV)

*I wrote to you in my
letter not to associate with
sexually immoral
people—*

Question?

How can we impact the world if we do not associate with those in the world?

1 Corinthians 5: 10 (ESV)

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.

1 Corinthians 5: 11 (ESV)

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.

Question

Paul is telling us that we are not to associate with people in the church who are living sinful lifestyles or living in sin.

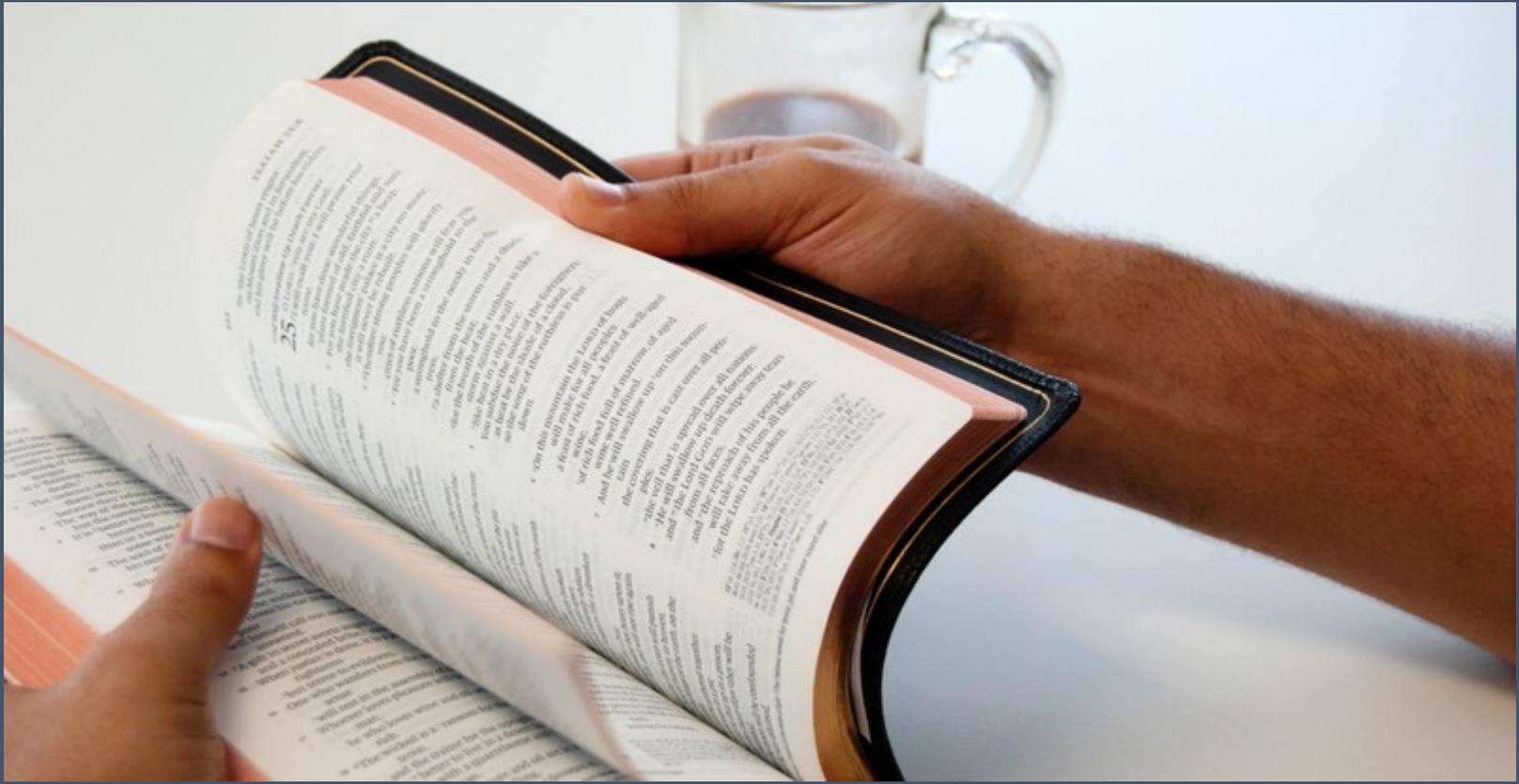
Why are we warned against associating with people who are knowingly living in sin in the Church?

Question

Does this sound harsh?

Question

Should our Church be
doing this?



Please turn to:
Romans 16: 17–18

Romans 16:17–18 (ESV)

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

Watch out

skopeco, skop-eh'-o:

to take aim at or to put in
your sites. To observe,
watch out against, to
protect against

Question?

Who are we supposed to
watch out for?

Romans 16:17–18 (ESV)

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

Question?

How should you respond to a person in the Church who is divisive or likes to create obstacles and stir up issues?

Romans 16:17–18 (ESV)

*I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; **avoid them.***

Romans 16:17–18 (ESV)

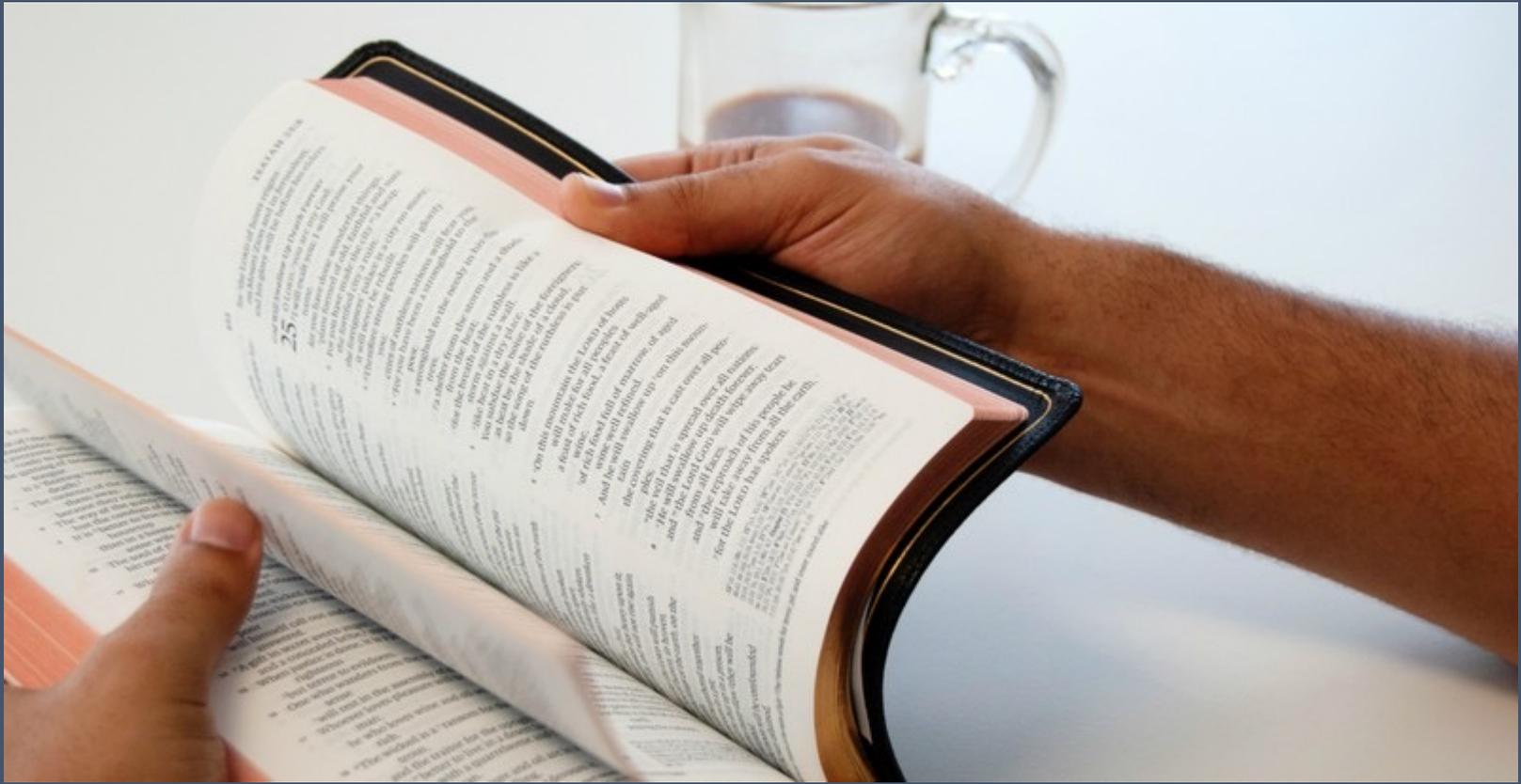
For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

Question?

Who follows a sinful person
in the Church?

Romans 16:17–18 (ESV)

For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.



Please turn to:
1 Peter 5: 8

1 Peter 5: 8 (ESV)

*Be sober-minded; **be watchful**. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

1 Corinthians 5: 12 (ESV)

*For what have I to do with
judging outsiders? Is it not
those inside the church
whom you are to judge?*

Question?

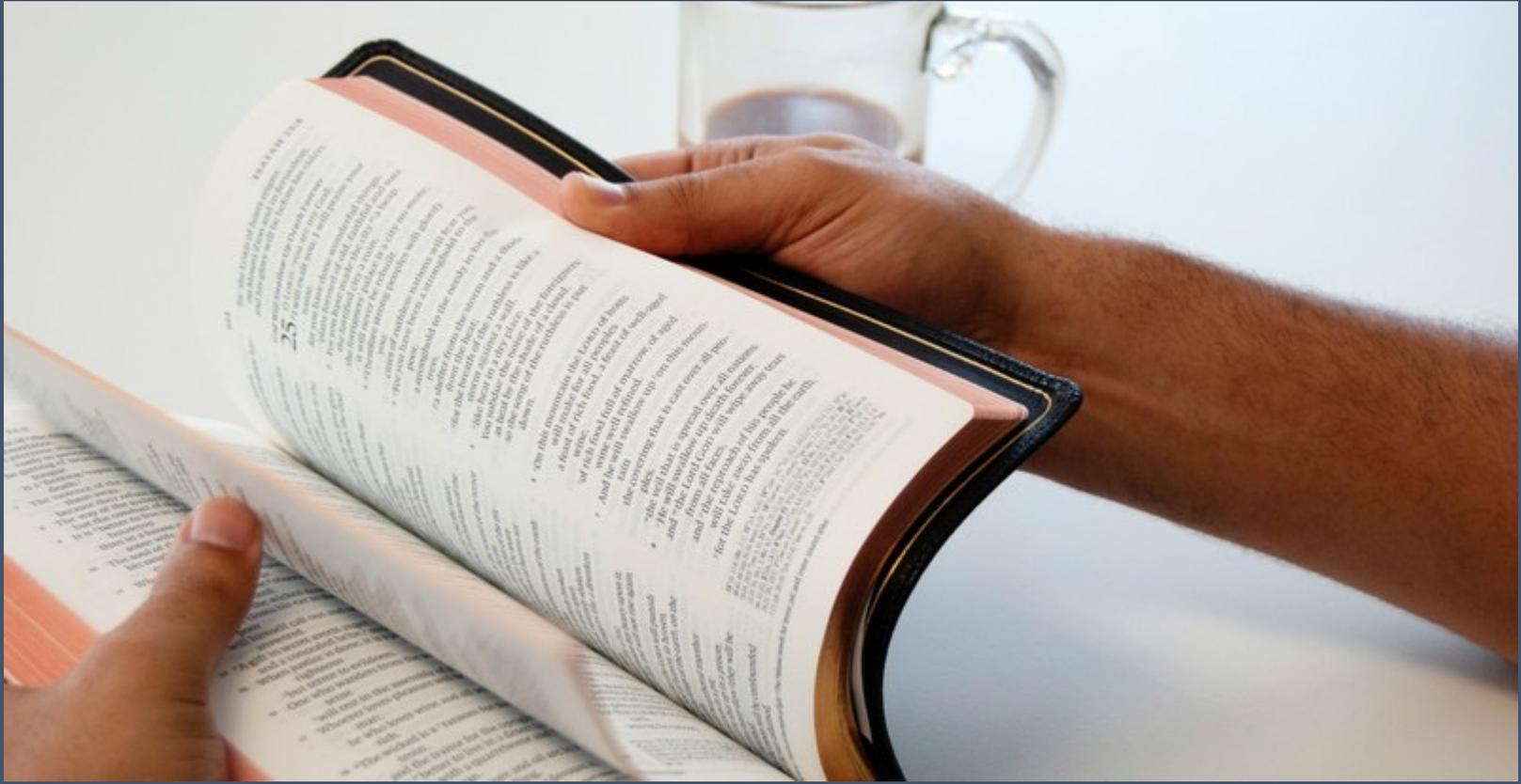
I thought we were not
supposed to judge?

Question

Should our Church be
doing this?

Question

What should we do before
doing this?



Please turn to:
Matthew 7: 3-5

Matthew 7: 3-5 (ESV)

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Matthew 7: 3-5 (ESV)

Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?

Matthew 7: 3-5 (ESV)

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

We must always be
watching and on guard
against sin first in our life,
then in our family and our
Church.

1 Corinthians 5: 13 (ESV)

God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

Question

How do we purge the evil person from among us?

1. Purge yourself first.
2. When witnessing division, gossip, sin-don't participate in it but call it like it is.
3. Share your heart with your brother or sister in Christ and warn them in love.

4. Don't associate with them or take actions that approve or encourage their sinful behavior.
5. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict.
6. Share your concerns with the elders or minister.
7. Love them.