



Withdrawal From Unfaithful Family Members

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Considerations

- ▶ Bible Pattern
- ▶ Am I required to withdraw from family
- ▶ Need for teaching & consistency
- ▶ Remembering the soul

Bible Pattern

- ▶ Matthew 18:15-17 “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.”

Bible Pattern

- ▶ 1 Corinthian 5:4-5, 13 “In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh...”

Bible Pattern

- ▶ Romans 16:17-18 “Now I urge you, brethren note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.”

Bible Pattern

- ▶ Ephesians 5:11 “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.”

Bible Pattern

- ▶ 1 Thessalonians 5:14 “Now we exhort you brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the faint hearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.”

Bible Pattern

- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 3:6 “But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.”

Bible Pattern

- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 “And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed.”

Bible Pattern

- ▶ 2 Timothy 3:1-5 “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying it’s power. And from such people turn away!”

Bible Pattern

- ▶ Titus 1:9-11, 13 “...holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict. For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.”
- ▶ Vs. 13 “...Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith.”

Am I required to withdraw from family?

- ▶ Special relationships

- ▶ Husband/Wife – Matt. 5:32; 19:3,9;
1 Corinthians 7:1-5; Colossians 3:18-19

- ▶ Parent/Child

- ▶ Dependent children – Titus 2:4-5; Ephesians 6:4; 1 Timothy 5:8

- ▶ Children responsibility – Colossians 3:20; Ephesians 6:2; Matthew 15:4

Am I required to withdraw from family?

- ▶ Any other relationship?
- ▶ Follow the Pattern.
- ▶ “...note those...” (Romans 16:17-18)
- ▶ “...do not keep company with...not even eat with...”
(1 Corinthians 5:11)
- ▶ “...have not fellowship...” (Ephesians 5:11)
- ▶ “withdraw...do not keep company...”
(2 Thessalonians 3:6,14-15)
- ▶ “...turn away...” (2 Timothy 3:1-5)
- ▶ “Reject...” (Titus 3:10-11)
- ▶ “...do not receive into your house nor greet him” (2 John 1:9-11)

Am I required to withdraw from family?

- ▶ Matthew 10:34-37 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and a man’s enemies will be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”

Am I required to withdraw from family?

- ▶ Luke 12:51-53 “Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter, and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

Am I required to withdraw from family?

- ▶ Mark 3:31-35 “Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You.” But He answered them saying, ‘Who is My mother, or My brothers?’ And he looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said “Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother.”

Am I required to withdraw from family?

- ▶ Yes!
- ▶ We follow the pattern and withdraw from unfaithful family members.
- ▶ What does that look like?
- ▶ Matthew 18:17 – Total social separation

The Need for Teaching & Consistency

- ▶ Matthew 4:4 “But He answered and said, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”
- ▶ John 8:32 “And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

The Need for Teaching & Consistency

- ▶ 2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
- ▶ Ephesians 5:17 “Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

The Need for Teaching & Consistency

- ▶ Do we want to understand?
- ▶ Hindrance in our heart?
 - ▶ Matthew 13:14-15 “And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they closed. Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them. “

The Need for Teaching & Consistency

- ▶ No authority for “I think”
 - ▶ John 7:18 “ He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory;....
 - ▶ Proverbs 12:15 “ The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds council is wise.”
 - ▶ Proverbs 14:12 “ There is a way that seems right to a man, but it’s end is the way of death.”
 - ▶ Proverbs 3:7-8 “ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.”

The Need for Teaching & Consistency

- ▶ Fear
- ▶ 1 Timothy 5:20 “Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.”
- ▶ Acts 5:11 “So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.”
- ▶ Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.”
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 5:11 “Knowing therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;...”

Remembering the soul

- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 3:15 “Yet do not count him as an enemy but admonish him as a brother.”
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 5:5 “..deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 5:7 “Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”

Conclusion

- ▶ Magnify, Exalt and Maintain the Honor of Christ and His Authority
 - ▶ Matthew 28:18 “...All Authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”
 - ▶ 1 Corinthians 5:4 “In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...”
 - ▶ 2 Thessalonians 3:6 “But we command you brethren in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...”
 - ▶ Colossians 3:17 “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus....”
 - ▶ 1 Peter 2:12 “..having your conduct honorable among the gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may , by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.”