

Deeper Life Notes

Called Out - "Intolerance" (1 Corinthians 5:1-13)

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Tolerance is a buzz word today. What does tolerance mean and how does one determine what is tolerable or intolerable?

1. A _____¹ about tolerance (vv. 1-2)

READ

1 Corinthians 5:1-2

DISCUSS

Mark Driscoll's definition of sexual morality/immorality

One man, one women, one flesh, one lifetime – That's what the Bible intends. Anything outside of that – sex before marriage, sex outside of marriage, bringing other people into the marriage bed, watching other people on a screen – whatever it is, unacceptable. Unacceptable! Mark Driscoll

FIVE WARNING

- Don't boast about being graceful. 1 Corinthians 4:6, 18-19; 8:1; 13:4
- Don't "Look the other way", ignore sin or hope it goes away
- Don't make excuses about wrong doing. Leviticus 18:8; Deuteronomy 22:30; 27:20
- Don't "pass the buck": not my responsibility...
- Don't forget to apply what we have been taught. James 1:22; Numbers 25: Romans 15:4

2. A _____² for intolerance (vv. 3-5a)

READ

1 Corinthians 5:3-5a

- Identify and confirm the actual sin
- Validate the Scriptural standard: "How stands it written"

DISCUSS

I'll tell you what God loves: God loves his holiness. God loves his church. God loves his reputation. God loves his name and God loves his Son, whom he crushed for our sins. Not just for our sinful state. God loves those who repent. God loves those who come to him in humility. Mark Driscoll

- Be filled with grief, seek to understand God's perspective
2 Corinthians 7:7 was the way it should have been.

¹warning

²plan

READ

Matthew 18:15-17

- Take appropriate action, Matthew 18:15-17 (progressive steps)
 - Step 1: Offended goes to offender
 - Step 2: Offended and 1 or 2 others goes to offender
 - Step 3: Tell the church (spiritual leaders).
 - Step 4: Treat as you would an unbeliever
- “deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of his flesh”

3. The reason behind intolerance and _____³ (vv. 5b-8)

READ

1 Corinthians 5:5b-8

To help the one in sin, Galatians 2:20; Romans 6

To protect the family of God/true Church, Matthew 16:6; Hebrews 12:1; Romans 12:2; 1 Peter 2:5

4. Concluding _____⁴ of intolerance (vv. 9-13)

READ

1 Corinthians 5: 9-13

- a. Don't include unrepentant believers in church fellowship. This presumes that fellowship means something.
- b. Don't judge the lost/unsaved
- c. Exercise spiritual discipline over member in the fellowship.

Bottom line is that sexual immorality defiles the church therefore:

The church cannot tolerate sin but must discipline unrepentant sin in order to remove its' cancerous properties while providing a Christ-like judgment on believers.

Scripture for further study

Titus 1:8-11	James 5:19-20
2 Corinthians 6:14-18	1 John 1:6
2 Timothy 4:2-4	Hebrews 12:6
1 Timothy 1:20	1 Corinthians 11:29-30
2 Timothy 2:17-18	James 1:14-15

Resources

1. EFCA Website A Church Statement on Human sexuality, www.efca.org
2. Transform Minnesota: Our belief about human sexuality, <https://transformmn.org/>

³ church discipline

⁴ principles