

JUDGING THE CHURCH

The Bible Verses that Practically No One Obeys Anymore About Judging those in the church

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Explanation and Introduction

Have you ever wondered why the Modern church is dead and why spiritual cancer seems to spread so freely like wildfire? Here are the Bible verses that practically no one wants you to believe about judging those in the church, especially those who live in sin and call themselves Christians.

If you have other Scriptures that you would like to suggest adding to this study please email Josiahs@TrueConnection.org

1. Don't Associate with Unrepentant church People

Withdrawal from the Disorderly Christians

2Th 3:4, 6-7, 13-15 KJV

2Th 3:4 We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you both do and will do the things we command...

2Th 3:6 Now we **command** you, brethren, **in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that you **withdraw yourselves** from every brother that walks **disorderly**, and not after the tradition which he received of us. 7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

2Th 3:13-15 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. 14 And if any man **obey not our word by this epistle**, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish^{G3560} [νουθετείτε] *him* as a brother.

Greek for admonish/ Warn

G3560 νουθετέω noutheteō *noo-thet-eh'-o*

From the same as G3559; to *put in mind*, that is, (by implication) to *caution* or *reprove* gently: - admonish, warn. (Strong's)

That is, "νου-" (*nou-*) from "νοῦς" (*noús*; G3563) – meaning "mind," combined with "τίθημι" (*títhēmi*; G5087), to place.

Reject Heretics

Tit 3:10-11 Jos.Trans. A heretic^{G141} man, after the first and second warning^{G3559}, **reject**^{G3868}

Greek

heretic^{G141} **man** – "αἱρετικὸν^{G141} ἄνθρωπον" (*aihretikon anthrōpon*): The Greek word *heretic* here, has to do with "choosing" things that are contrary to the Truth of Jesus. (compare "αἵρεσις" (*haíresis*); G139 – Heresy; compare Gal 5:20; 2Pe 2:1)

warning^{G3559} – This Greek word "νουθεσία" (*nouthesía*) is basically the same as "νουθετέω" (*noutheteō*) above (G3560).

reject^{G3868} - "παραιτοῦν" (*paraituo*) literally means to "ask aside"; Strong's says:

G3868 παραίτεομαι *paraitēomai par-ahēe-teh'-om-ahēe*

From G3844 and the middle of G154; to *beg off*, that is, *deprecate*, *decline*, *shun*: - avoid, (make) excuse, intreat, refuse, reject.

(Strong's)

Judge/Disassociate/Hand-over to satan

It is good if you can read all of 1Corinthians 5 through 6:10 to get a complete understanding on judging the church. Here are the main parts of this teaching:

1Co 5:1-7 EMTV It is actually heard that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not even named among the Gentiles--that a man has his father's wife! 2 And you are puffed up, and have not rather grieved, so **that he who did this deed would be removed from**

your midst. 3 For I indeed, as being absent in body but present in spirit, **have already judged** (as though I were present) **him who has done this deed** in this way, 4 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, 5 **deliver such a one to Satan** for the destruction of the flesh, in order that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus [i.e. 2Cor 2:4-11]. 6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole batch? 7 Purge out the old leaven... 1Co 5:9-13 I wrote to you in my epistle not to associate with fornicators. 10 Yet I certainly did not mean with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world! 11 But now I write to you **not to associate** with anyone named a brother, who is a fornicator, or covetous person, or an idolater, or abusive person, or a drunkard, or a swindler--not even to eat with such a person. 12 For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? **Do you not judge those who are inside?** 13 But those who are outside God will judge. Therefore "**put away** from yourselves the evil person." 1Co 6:2-3 EMTV Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not know that we will judge angels? Let alone ordinary *matters*! 1Co 6:9-10 Jos.Trans. ...don't you know that *the* unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate,^{G3120} nor homosexuals,^{G733} 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor criticizers,^{G3060} nor forceful takers,^{G727} will inherit the kingdom of God.

(compare [Mat 7](#) notes below)

This is an extreme attitude of opposition toward those who claim to be Christians and live in sin! In fact, Jesus puts it this way:

Mat 10:34-36 WEB "Don't think that I came to send peace on the earth. I didn't come to send peace, but a sword. 35 For I came to set a man at odds against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36 A man's foes will be those of his own household.

And this extreme "war-like" attitude of opposition to corrupters dates back throughout the Old Testament, as it was given to the Church of their day. It gave charges concerning those who were inside the community who would try to justify being in sin and leading others into it.

People are still around today, living in sin and promoting this cancer for others to take in just like those warned against in the Old Testament, and if you ever get close to applying these above verses today, those who live in sin will often say that, "that was the Old Testament, but now we are under grace!" But this argument is only a foolish westernized perversion. And how do we know this for sure? Because in the above Corinthian passage it quotes from this Old Testament attitude when Paul applies it to Christians and charges them to oppose and expel those who try to pollute the New Testament Church:

"But those who are **outside** God will judge. Therefore "put away **from yourselves** [as opposed to outsiders] the evil person," (1Co 5:13 EMTV).

This is a direct quote from Deuteronomy showing that Paul specifically charges us to reaffirm this Old Testament attitude into the current practice of judging those in the Church today:

Deu 13:1-11 CAB And if there arise within you a prophet, or one who dreams a dream, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder come to pass which he spoke to you, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you know not; 3 you shall not hearken to the

words of that prophet, or the dreamer of that dream, because the Lord your God is testing you, to see whether you love your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 You shall follow the Lord your God, and fear Him, and you shall hear His voice, and attach yourselves to Him. 5 And that prophet or that dreamer of a dream shall die; for he has spoken to make you err from the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, who redeemed you from bondage, to thrust you out of the way which the Lord your God commanded you to walk in. **So shall you abolish the evil from among you.** 6 And if your brother by your father or mother, or your son, or daughter, or your wife in your bosom, or friend who is equal to your own soul, entreat you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known, 7 of the gods of the nations that are round about you, who are near you or at a distance from you, from one end of the earth to the other; 8 you **shall not consent** to him, neither shall you **hearken** to him; and **your eye shall not spare him**, you shall **feel no regret for him**, **neither** shall you at all **protect him**: 9 you shall surely report concerning him, and your hands shall be upon him among the **first to slay him**, and the hands of all the people at the last. 10 And they shall stone him with stones, and he shall die, because he sought to draw you away from the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 11 And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall not again do according to this evil thing among you.

This is repeated:

Deu 17:7 CAB And the hand of the witnesses shall be upon him among the first to put him to death, and the hand of the people at the last; **so shall you remove the evil one from among yourselves.**

And it is repeated again and again:

Deu 19:19, Deu 22:21, Deu 22:24, Deu 24:7;

Though this harsh teaching is old, it is not obsolete. In fact, this teaching still stands today as a powerful charge of commitment to Love God more than the comfort of men, even if that means confronting sin in them.

Though we don't kill people with the death penalty today as they did in their day (being a theocracy on earth that we no longer have) we are commanded to put them out of the church, hand them over to satan, and declare them damned to Hell ("anathema") as the above Corinthian passage and many others show.

1Co 16:22 KJV If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema...

Wholesome Words, and the Doctrine According to Godliness

Withdraw From People who Teach Contrary to the Wholesome Words, those of Jesus, and the Doctrine According to Godliness:

1Ti 6:3-5 KJV If any man teach otherwise, and does not consent to wholesome words, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but Has a sick appetite about questions and strifes of words, of which come envy, strife, railings, evil suspicions, 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that godliness is a means of gain: withdraw yourself from such.

2. Especially Reject Heretics Harshly!

Another Gospel

Gal 1:8-9 KJV But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. **9** As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. (and see 1Co 16:22)

Turn Away from those who are *Contrary to the Doctrine*

Rom 16:17-20 WEB Now I beg you, brothers, look out for those who are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, **contrary to the doctrine**^{G1322} **which you learned**, and **turn away from them**. **18** For those who are such don't serve our Lord, Jesus Christ, **but their own belly**; and by their smooth and flattering speech, they deceive the hearts of the innocent^{G172}. **19** ...But I desire to have you wise in that which is good, but ~~innocent~~ [simple^{G185} (or *unmixed*)] in that which is evil. **20** And the God of peace will quickly crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Note: I corrected the two words above that are frequently misrepresented as the same word; most versions typically either have them both represented as *simple* or *innocent*. We should distinguish them like this since they are two very different words in Greek, as the [Strong's](#) numbers above indicate.

Don't Welcome them into Your House, or Wish them Any Goodness

2Jn 1:7-11 WEB For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who don't confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the Antichrist. **8** Watch yourselves, that we don't lose the things which we have accomplished, but that we receive a full reward. **9** Whoever transgresses and doesn't remain in the teaching^{G1322} of Christ, doesn't have God. He who remains in the teaching^{G1322}, the same has both the Father and the Son. **10** If anyone comes to you, and doesn't bring this teaching^{G1322}, don't receive him into your house, and don't welcome^{G5463} him, **11** for he who welcomes^{G5463} him participates in his evil works.

Greek

G1322 - “*διδασχί*” (*didachē*): *Teaching* or *Doctrine*

G5463 - In **2Jn 1:9** and **2Jn 1:10** “*χαίρειν*” (*chairein*) is used, which is, meaning (in usage) to *wish well* as a greeting. This Greek word implies a kindness that is close to wishing someone “grace” or “*χάρις*” (*charis*), that is, “favor”.

3. Don't Give into the Manipulation of Heretics

Don't let the proud take advantage of you and manipulate you into doing things on their behalf

2Ti 3:5-6 EMTV ...And from these people turn away! **6** For of these are those *who* creep into houses and captivate **gullible** women having been loaded down with sins, who are led by various lusts,

Pro 22:24 CAB Be not companion to a furious man, neither lodge with a passionate [or "furious" (KJV)] man,
(Compare Pro 19:19)

If this applies to the outside world, how much more would it apply to a heretic or hypocrite inside the church?

2Co 6:14-18 EMTV Do not become unequally yoked with unbelievers; for what participation is there for righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion is there for light with darkness? 15 And what agreement is there for Christ with Belial? Or what part is there for a **believer** with an **infidel**? 16 And what union is there for the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God, just as God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." 17 Therefore "**Come out** from the midst of them and be separated," says the Lord. "Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." 18 "I will be a Father to you, and you will be My sons and daughters," says the LORD Almighty."

Don't "Turn the other Cheek" to Manipulative church People

2Co 11:20-21 EMTV For you put up with it if someone **enslaves** you, if someone **devours** you, if someone **takes** from you, if someone **exalts** himself, if someone **strikes you in the face**. 21 To our shame, I say that we were too weak *for that!*...

Paul rebukes them with a stroke of sarcasm at the end here. Also compare:

Pro 25:26 WEB Like a muddied spring, and a polluted well, So is a righteous man who **gives way** before the wicked.

So don't give way to manipulation, but instead have the REAL Love that God gives, because:

"Love...doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;" (1Co 13:4, 6 WEB).

Judged those who Claim to be Apostles

Rev 2:2; 1Jo 4:1-6

If they claim to be Apostles and are not, then don't help them (2Jn 1:9-11)!

This is also seen from the fact that if the church puts someone out, or if you are called to reject them personally, you cannot agree with this judgment while helping that very same person with what they have need of.

4. What Should a Real Believer do?

A Biblical Attitude of Withdrawing

Psa 15:1-5 CAB ...O Lord, who shall sojourn in Your tabernacle? And who shall dwell in Your holy mountain? 2 He that walks blameless, and works righteousness, who speaks truth in his heart. 3 Who has not spoken craftily with his tongue, neither has done evil to his neighbor, nor taken up a reproach against them that dwell nearest to him. 4 **In his sight an evil worker is set at nought***, but he honors them that fear the Lord... 5 ...He that does these things shall never be moved.

* **Greek (LXX)** is: “ἐξουδένωται^{G1847}” - exoudenōtai: to make nothing or *to despise*

Psa 119:115 CAB **Depart** from me, You evildoers; for I will search out the commandments of my God.

Psa 6:8 CAB **Depart** from me, all you that work iniquity; for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.

And this is quoted by Jesus:

Mat 7:23 EMTV "And then I will confess to them, 'I never knew you! **Depart** from Me, you who work iniquity!'

Psa 26:3-6 CAB For Your mercy is before my eyes; and I am well pleased with Your truth. **4** I have not sat with the council of vanity, and shall by no means enter in with transgressors. **5** I have **hated** the assembly of evildoers; and will not sit with the ungodly. **6** I will wash my hands in innocence, and compass Your altar, O Lord;

Jer 15:15-18 CAB O Lord, remember me, and visit me, and vindicate me before them that persecute me. Do not bear long with them; know how I have met with reproach for Your sake, from those who nullify Your words. **16** Consume them, and Your word shall be to me for the joy and gladness of my heart. For Your name has been called upon me, O Lord Almighty. **17** I have not sat in the assembly of them as they mocked, but I feared because of Your power. I sat alone, for I was filled with bitterness. **18** Why do they that grieve me prevail against me? My wound is severe; when shall I be healed? It has indeed become to me as deceitful water that has no faithfulness.

Psa 101:1-8 CAB A Psalm of David. I will sing to You, O Lord, of mercy and judgment; I will sing a psalm, **2** and I will be wise in a blameless way. When will You come to me? I walked in the innocence of my heart, in the midst of my house. **3** I have not set before my eyes any unlawful thing; I have hated transgressors. **4** A perverse heart has not cleaved to me; I have not known an evil man, forasmuch as he turns away from me. **5** Him that secretly speaks against his neighbor, him have I driven from me; he that is proud in look and insatiable in heart — with him I have not eaten. **6** My eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; he that walked in a perfect way, the same ministered to me. **7** He that is proud dwelled not in the midst of my house; the unjust speaker prospered not in my sight. **8** Early did I slay all the sinners of the land, that I might destroy out of the city of the Lord all that work iniquity.

Also see:

Psa 1:1; [Pro 9:6, **MT**] Pro 13:20; Psa 26:9; Psa 31:6 [compare **LXX** vs. **MT**]; Psa 119:63; Psa 139:19; Psa 139:21, Psa 139:22; 2Ki 3:13, 2Ki 3:14; Est 3:2; Isa 32:5-6; Dan 5:17-31; Mat 9:11, Mat 9:12; Mat 25:41; Bad flattering Lawyers: Act 24:2-3, But Paul: Act 24:25; 1Co 5:9-11; 1Co 15:33; 2Co 6:17; Jam 2:1-9
(edited from **TSK**)

Biblical Commands when Confronting sin in the Church

Jud 1:22-23 WEB On **some** have compassion, making a distinction, **23** and **some** save, snatching them out of the fire **with fear**, hating even the clothing stained by the flesh.

Tit 3:10-11 KJVCNT A man that is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject; **11** Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sins, being condemned of himself.

Luk 17:1-4 WEB He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no occasions of stumbling should come, but woe to him through whom they come! **2** It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble. **3** Be careful. If your brother sins against you, **rebuke** him. If he repents, **forgive** him. **4** If he sins against you seven times in the day, and seven times returns, saying, 'I repent,' you shall **forgive** him."

Mat 18:15-18 WEB "If your brother sins against you, go, show him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained back your brother. **16** But if he doesn't listen, take one or two more with you, that at the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. **17** If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the assembly. If he refuses to hear the assembly also, let him be to you as a Gentile or a tax collector. **18** Most assuredly I tell you, whatever things you will bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever things you will release on earth will be released in heaven. **19** Again, assuredly I tell you, that if two of you will agree on earth concerning anything that they will ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. **20** For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." **21** Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times?" **22** Jesus said to him, "**I don't tell you until seven times, but, until seventy times seven.**"

Mat 18:35 KJV And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. **35** So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

First Check Your Heart for Mercy, and See if You're Right with God!

Mat 9:13 EMTV But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice...'

Seek Peace, Don't Take to Court

Mat 5:21-26 KJV Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: **22** But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. **23** Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; **24** Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. **25** Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. **26** Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

(compare Pro 25:8-11, [MT](#) vs. [LXX](#))

Don't Take to Court

Luk 12:57-59 WEB **Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right?** **58** For when you are going with your adversary before the magistrate, try diligently on the way to be released from him, lest perhaps he drag you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and the

officer throw you into prison. 59 I tell you, you will by no means get out of there, until you have paid the very last penny."

Compare 1Co 6:1-8: 'Possibly take before the church if they claim to be a christian, but not before the courts,' just as it is seen above in [Luk 17:1-4](#) and [Mat 18:15-18](#).

If they are a Real Christian

[Mat 7:1-5](#) KJV Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam *is* in thine own eye? 5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

If they are Not a Real Christian

[Mat 7:13-29](#) EMTV "Enter in through the narrow gate; because wide is the gate, and broad is the way which leads to destruction, and many are those who enter in through it. 14 How narrow the gate, and confined the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it! 15 "But beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grape clusters from thorns, or figs from thistles? 17 Thus every good tree produces good fruit, but a rotten tree produces evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot produce evil fruit, nor can a rotten tree produce good fruit. 19 Every tree not producing good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire. 20 Consequently, by their fruits you shall know them. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name we cast out demons, and in Your name we did many mighty works?' 23 "And then I will confess to them, 'I never knew you! Depart from Me, you who work iniquity!' 24 "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and does them, I will compare him to a wise man who built his house upon the rock: 25 and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and fell against that house; and it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them, will be compared to a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And its fall was great." 28 And so it was, when Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at His teaching, 29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not like the scribes.

Compare this teaching on not judging with:

[Mat 7:13-27](#) - how to judge; and again, compare:

[1Co 4:2-5](#) - How not to judge, with

[1Co 5 & 6](#) - How to judge;

And also notice the overall prohibitions in these passages against judging the hidden motives of others, especially of real christian "brothers," and notice this same principal in [Jas 4:11-12](#).

[Luk 12:13-15](#) KJV And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. 14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? 15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Rom 14:10-14 KJV But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. **11** For it is written, *As I live*, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. **12** So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. **13** Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way. **14** I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

1Jo 5:16-18 KJV If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. **17** All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. **18** We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

Gal 6:1-5 EMTV Brothers, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness, looking out for yourself lest you also be tempted. **2** Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ. **3** For if anyone thinks that he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. **4** But let each *person* examine his own work, and then he will have boasting in himself alone, and not in the other. **5** For each one shall bear his own load.

Jas 5:19-20 EMTV Brothers, if anyone among you wanders away from the truth, and anyone turns him back, **20** let him know that he who turns a sinner back from the error of his way will save a soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Servant of the Lord – Confronting Sin when there is still Hope

2Ti 2:24-26 KJV And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, **25** In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; **26** And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

If There is Persecution

Luk 3:19-20 WEB but Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things which Herod had done, **20** added this also to them all, that he shut up John in prison.

Mar 6:11 EMTV And as many as do not receive you nor hear you, as you leave from there, shake off the dust underneath your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom or for Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"

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Mat 10:23 EMTV But whenever they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly I say to you, by no means will you have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

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Mar 6:12 EMTV And when they went out, they were preaching that *people* should repent. (This is called the Gospel in Luk 9:6; Also see: Act 13:51)

Joh 7:7 EMTV The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify about it, that its works are evil.

Joh 3:18-21 EMTV He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe has been condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness more than the light, because their works were evil. **20** For everyone that does evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works be exposed. **21** But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be revealed, that they have been done in God."

Mat 10:26-28 EMTV Therefore do not fear them. For nothing is concealed that shall not be unveiled, and secret that shall not be made known. **27** "What I say to you in the dark, say in the light; and what you hear in the ear, proclaim on the housetops. **28** And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both the soul and the body in hell.

5. What Should The Repentant Person Do?

Acknowledge that the Stakes are High (Count the Cost)

Mat 12:30 WEB "He who is not with me is against me, and he who doesn't gather with me, scatters.

Get Away From the Bad Things and the Bad People

Psa 101:2-4 KJ2000 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when will you come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. **3** I will set no wicked thing before my eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. **4** A perverse heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

Come Out from Among Them

2Co 6:17-18 WEB Therefore, "'Come out from among them, And be separate,' says the Lord, 'Touch no unclean thing. I will receive you. **18** I will be to you a Father. You will be to me sons and daughters,' says the Lord Almighty."

Listen to Those Whom God Has Sent

1Jo 4:6 EMTV **6** We are of God. He that knows God hears us; *he* that is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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