

# Treasure Hunt

- How is the conduct of the man in 1 Cor 5 an “offense” in the sense of leading others to sin?
- How were the Corinthians not following Matthew 18?
- Why does Paul have authority to tell them what to do?
- What does it mean to “deliver someone to Satan for the destruction of the flesh”?
- How does 1 Cor 6 reflect Matt 18?
- How is 2 Cor 2 related to 1 Cor 5?
- For what kind of teaching does Paul explicitly claim divine authority?
- Why does Paul tell Titus to admonish the heretic twice before rejecting him?

# Relations with Other Disciples

## 18:1-35 Relations with other disciples

### 1-4 Question and Answer

Q: 1 Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

A: The Lord divides the question

- 2-3 answers, "Who is in the kingdom?"
- 4 answers, "Who is greatest?"

### 5-14 Do not give offense

#### 5-9 The Principle

#### 10-14 The Parable: The Wayward Sheep

### 15-35 Dealing with the sin of others

#### 15-20 The Principle

#### 21-35 The Parable: The Two Debtors

Mat 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom

- all things that **offend**,
- and them which **do iniquity**;

# Echoes of Matt 18:15-20 in the Epistles

1. Dealing with offenders in 1 Corinthians 5-6
2. Restoring a penitent in 2 Corinthians 2
3. Apostolic authority to define conduct
4. Separation from those in error

# 1 Cor 5: The Offense

1Co 5:1 It is reported commonly *that there is* **fornication** among you, and such **fornication** as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

Fornication at Corinth:

1Co 6:9 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, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Cor 6:13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body *is* not for **fornication**, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. 14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. 15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make *them* the members of an harlot? God forbid. 16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. 18 Flee **fornication**.

1Co 7:1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: *It is* good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless, *to avoid* **fornication**, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

# The Church's Response

Until Paul wrote:

1 Cor 5:2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

Apostolic authority (Matt 18:18)

1 Cor 5:3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, *concerning* him that hath so done this deed,

Church review (Matt 18:17)

1 Cor 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Separation from the offender (Matt 18:17)

1 Cor 5:9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: 10 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. 11 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. 12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? 13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

# "Deliver unto Satan"

1 Cor 5:5 To deliver such an one **unto Satan** for the **destruction of the flesh**, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1Jo 5:19 we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in ~~wickedness~~ the wicked one.

1Co 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning διακρινω the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge διακρινω ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

Jam 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

# 1 Cor 6: Further Links to Matt 18

Mat 18:19 Again I say unto you,  
That if two of you shall agree on  
earth as touching any **thing**  
**πρᾶγμα** that they shall ask, it shall  
be done for them of my Father  
which is in heaven.

1Co 6:1 Dare any of you, having a  
**matter πρᾶγμα** against another, go  
to law before the unjust, and not  
before the saints?

Mat 18:17 And if he shall neglect  
to hear them, tell *it* unto **the**  
**church**: but if he neglect to hear  
**the church**, let him be unto thee  
as an heathen man and a  
publican.

1Co 6:2 Do ye not know that the  
saints shall judge the world? and if  
the world shall be judged by you,  
are ye unworthy to judge the  
smallest matters? 3 Know ye not  
that we shall judge angels? how  
much more things that pertain to  
this life? 4 If then ye have  
judgments of things pertaining to  
this life, **set them to judge who are**  
**least esteemed in the church.**

# 1 Cor 2: Restoring the Penitent

## Recalling the Correction

2Co 2:1 But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness. 2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me? 3 And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is *the joy* of you all. 4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

## Restoration

2 Cor 2:5 But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. 6 Sufficient to such a man *is* this punishment, which *was inflicted* of many. 7 So that contrariwise ye *ought* rather to forgive *him*, and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. 8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm *your* love toward him. 9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. 10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person of Christ; 11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.



# Apostolic Authority to Constrain Conduct (Matt 18:18)

1Th 2:10 Ye *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: 11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *doth* his children, 12 That ye would **walk worthy of God**, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. 13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not as the word of men, but **as it is in truth, the word of God**, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

1Th 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us **how ye ought to walk and to please God**, so ye would abound more and more. 2 **For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.**

2Th 3:6 **Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that **walketh disorderly**, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

1Co 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that **the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.**

# When Separation is Necessary (Matt 18:17)

2Th 3:6 **Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.**

Rom 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and **avoid them.**

1Ti 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: **from such withdraw** thyself.

Tit 3:10 A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition **reject**; 11 Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.