

Called to be
Saints

STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS

The Church in Relation to the World

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

A. God uses church discipline to provoke a sinning believer to repent.

B. God uses church discipline to protect the spiritual health of the assembly.

C. God uses church discipline to preserve a testimony for Christ before the watching world.

**1. Be separated from worldliness,
but not isolated from the world.**

2 Thessalonians 3:14

“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.”

Matthew 10:16

**“Behold, I send you forth as sheep
in the midst of wolves: be ye
therefore wise as serpents, and
harmless as doves.”**

- 1. Be separated from worldliness, but not isolated from the world.**
- 2. Be compassionate towards the lost, rather than criticizing or condemning them.**

- 3. Be accountable to your fellow believers.**
- 4. Discipline unrepentant, sinful believers from your midst for the sake of your testimony before a watching world.**

