

Follow Part 4 – “Follow the Leader”
September 29 & October 2, 2022

Exodus 20:2-3

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.”

Deuteronomy 6:5-6

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

John 14:23-24

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching.

Proverbs 4:20-23

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

1 Corinthians 5:1

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans:

1 Corinthians 5:1-2

A man is sleeping with his father's wife. And you are proud!

1 Corinthians 5:2

Shouldn’t you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this?

1 Corinthians 5:3

For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this.

- The Bible doesn’t tell us not to judge. It tells us who to judge.

1 Corinthians 5:4-5

So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 5:6-7

Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast-- as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

1 Corinthians 5:9-10

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.

1 Corinthians 5:11

But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

1 Corinthians 5:12

What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?

- Judge the believin' not the heathen.

1 Corinthians 5:13

God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked man from among you."

Galatians 3:26-27

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Group Questions:

1. Explain the difference between contractual rules and family rules. What's the purpose of family rules?
2. What results if a person views God's commands as contractual? What results if they view them as family rules?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 5:12. How does this passage challenge your assumptions about what the Bible says regarding judging others?
4. Why is it so tempting to judge nonbelievers? Why does God tell us not to?
5. Why is it tempting to *not* judge believers? What does it say about your heart if you never admonish believers?
6. In your own words, what is the biggest need of those who are not part of God's family? In light of their need, what is your obligation to them?
7. What has been most helpful for you from this series?