

Protagonists Anonymous Series
The Corinthian Man
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Opening

-How is a church supposed to respond to someone who professes to be a Christian but is living **blatantly & boastfully** in opposition to Biblical morality?

-And tonight's installment of Protagonists Anonymous (The Corinthian Man) answers this questions for us.

-(explain why he is the "protagonist" ... also promise to keep it kid friendly)

Introduction

-1 Corinthians 5:1-13 (read verses 1-2)

- **Verse 1 - Egregious Sin (all sin NOT the same)** (1 John 5:16-17)
- **Verse 6 - Church Discipline (permissive culture)**
- **Verse 5 - Restored Relationship (Community & Christ)**

-Church's too often get all of this backwards...

We shun the non-Christian because of their lifestyle and accommodate the immorality of others because they are Christians.

-How is a church supposed to respond to someone who professes to be a Christian but is living blatantly in opposition to Biblical morality...Church Discipline...and this story shows us the way.

Your Final Feeling

-2 Corinthians 2:4

-(all the emotions we feel...)

-Until we get to and settle into a place of sorrow, we aren't ready to initiate Church Discipline.

- Ephesians 4:30 (can't be in step with the HS until you are aligned with...)
- Exodus 32:10-14 (God isn't being human...example of Imago Dei!)

Your Greatest Goal

- retribution or remediation?** (Expositor's Bible Commentary)
- 2 Corinthians 2:5-8
- Galatians 6:1-5 (this is Paul too!)
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- The best indication of your Church Discipline goal is your prayer about the person in question and the situation at hand.**
- Psalm 109:6-13 (means you ain't ready yet!)

Your First Step

- 1 Corinthians 5:4-5
- Any application of a verse that is in direct contradiction of another Biblical text is never an application God intended.**
- Matthew 18:15-17
 - Don't be in a hurry
 - Win a friend not an argument
 - Protect privacy
 - A bad attitude undermines right standing

Band

- Are there any exceptions?** (sewing discord is dealt with differently)
- Titus 3:10
- Proverbs 6:16-19 (not 7 deadly but rather the one deadliest!)
 - **Attacking people, not just ideas**
 - **Holding relationships hostage**
 - **Pulling others away from friendships**