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How does Paul describe *the Church and its members* (confess the name of the Lord)? 2:20-21

How are these contents (members; believers/leaders) *used* within the house (Church)? 2:20b

Is this a comparison of 'wheat and tares' (saved/unsaved)? Mt.13:24-30; ICor.3:10-15

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What are some Scriptural examples of this? Prov.13:20; ICor.5; IICor.2:1-11; **IIThess.3:6-15**

What is IIThess.3:14 obviously *requiring* us to do? See Mt.7:1-5 (note: actions vs heart)

If a man *cleanses himself* totally from *them* (wood/clay), what's the result? 2:21b

Application:

Why is this principle so hard to actually obey? See Mt.7:1-5

Why is it essential *for the 'erring' brother* that this be done? 2:16; ICor.5; IICor.2:1-11

Why is it essential *for the congregation* that this be done? 2:16-18

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Despite false teachers/teaching, the Lord knows His own and they must flee wickedness.

How does Paul describe *the Church and its members* (confess the name of the Lord)? 2:20-21

The Church is like a large house with different contents. Some gold/silver & wood/clay.

How are these contents (members; believers/leaders) *used* within the house (Church)? 2:20b

Some for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and some for ignoble purposes.

Is this a comparison of 'wheat and tares' (saved/unsaved)? Mt.13:24-30; ICor.3:10-15

No, it's of true believers, some who are clean; some who 'must turn from wickedness' 2:19

But what is the command to Timothy (to be an instrument for noble use)? 2:21a; Jer.15:19

A man must cleanse himself from the latter (those believers who are wood/clay)! Separate!

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Ungodly behavior (by believers) spreads rapidly! Separate from them and their error!

What is IIThess.3:14 obviously *requiring* us to do? See Mt.7:1-5 (note: actions vs heart)

Judge (be discerning of) a brother's words/actions! Not as enemy; admonish as a brother!

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He's an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful/Master, prepared for good work.

Application:

Why is this principle so hard to actually obey? See Mt.7:1-5

It probably involves real people, friends. And on the surface it seems so judgmental...

Why is it essential *for the 'erring' brother* that this be done? 2:16; ICor.5; IICor.2:1-11

Without correction he will become more and more ungodly. The goal is restoration!

Why is it essential *for the congregation* that this be done? 2:16-18

Spiritual errors spread like gangrene, destroying the faith of others. Must be addressed!

Why is this principle *doubly important / difficult* for a Pastor / Elder? Acts 20:25-32

The leaders are charged to guard the flock. No room for tolerance. No room for hypocrisy.

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1. Avoid godless chatter 2. Avoid disobedient believers 3. Correctly handle the Word.