

I Corinthians 5:1-13

Discussion: Complacency may come from two opposite tendencies in a church. It may derive from being a "pure" church from which all dissenting opinion has been driven out, or it may come from an overly tolerant church where anything goes without raising of an eyebrow. If judgementalism breeds one type of complacency, and over tolerance breeds another, how do we try to steer a safe course between the two? When does a church become a social club for mutual entertainment and self-affirmation? Sometimes lack of suffering breed complacency: "God whispers to us in our pleasures and shouts in our pains" (C.S. Lewis)

An Extreme Case of Conduct "Beyond the Boundaries"

1. What is excommunication?
2. Does the perception of the church outside of the church matter?
3. What would happen with leaven on Passover?
4. Is judgment for people outside of the Gospel/Church? Is it for people inside of the church?