Ps 101:1 ¶ <<A Psalm of David.>> I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing. 2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. 6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me. Ezekiel 3:6-11

1Cor. 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Galatians 5:9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

Yoked? Who is yoked to Who? Who is yoked to what? What is yoked to what?

1Cor. 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, **as ye are** unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity **and truth**.

Paul saw them in the spirit better than they viewed themselves in the natural.

1Cor. 5:2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

1. Pride
   1. “Puffed up”
      1. There are none more proud than they that least know themselves.
      2. They didn’t mourn the situation; they didn’t even consider it properly.

It should not be anger, pride, revenge, or party feeling, which prompts final discipline. It should be deep grief that there is occasion for it; and tender compassion for the offender.

* 1. They had a vain confidence in their spiritual purity.
  2. Pride can ignore or overlook the part of lust and glory in themselves, the true worshipper will pray aloud for revival and weep and mourn any hindrance.

1. Paul said this pride, this puffed up mind, must be purged; a little bit of pride will distort your vision for helping the lost, the weak, the men like a Peter- (still acting like Simon) A John Mark, was Paul’s weakness, but he could correct a Peter for being more strict about the Gentiles when he was around the Jews than he was around the Gentiles.

1Co 5:9 ¶ I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

1Cor. 5:10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. 11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, **if any man that is called a brother** be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

1Cor. 5:2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

“puffed up”--with your own wisdom and knowledge, and eloquence: at a time when ye ought to be "mourning" at the scandal caused to religion by the incest. Paul mourned because they did not mourn (2Co 2:4). We ought to mourn over the transgressions of others, and repent of our own

2Co 7:0 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

The Corinthians were glorying

1Cor. 5:6 Your glorying is not good.

You never justify any sin, you never act like it doesn’t matter.

The Corinthians were puffed up with pride of where they were at spiritually and of what they were doing.

Are ye puffed up? Should ye not rather have mourned-Have you solemnly humbled yourself?

A proud man is seldom a compassionate man; true humility will teach us to lament and bewail others' frailty. Paul said “Ye are puffed up, and have not mourned” the original word, to mourn, refers to when Christians put on solemnly mourning attire, and bewailed the sinner as if they were dead. These Corinthians being puffed up with pride, were so far from their compassionate mourning.

Paul’s right spirit of patience and wisdom paid off to help them.

2Co 7:7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.

There are ways to deal with a professing brother in the Lord who is an active member in the Church when he commits sin, but to help a sinner you’re going to have to read Luke 7; Jn. 11:35; Psalm 126:5-6;

Luke 7:32 They are like unto children sitting in the marketplace, and calling one to another, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept. 36 ¶ And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. 37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, 38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

The children of true wisdom can justify all God's ways

Being always ready to oppose and contradict Divine conduct, contradicts and exposes self.

Mt 11:19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

Lu 7:34 The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

Lu 7:35 But wisdom is justified of all her children.

Lu 7:47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

Her sins, Her sins, which are many, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven

Wisdom is justified of her children; right and wise ways, like those which John and the Saviour pursued, will be approved by the spiritually wise and good.

Wisdom is justified of her children. Those who are wise will approve both the course of John and his Lord.

God's wisdom has planned the different conduct of both John and Jesus. He does not wish all to be just alike in everything.

They exaggerate in each case. John did not have a demon and Jesus was not a glutton or a winebibber.

The plan of God is justified by results.

Mt 9:9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

11:24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee. Lu 12:48 …”For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more. (degrees of punishment for guilt are taught) All will not be punished alike.

Galatians 5:8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. 9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

Christ did not to allow the purity of the doctrine to be infected with the least corruption at all.

a slight tendency to conform to rites and customs

Ga 5:1 ¶ Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Ga 5:2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

13 ¶ For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.