

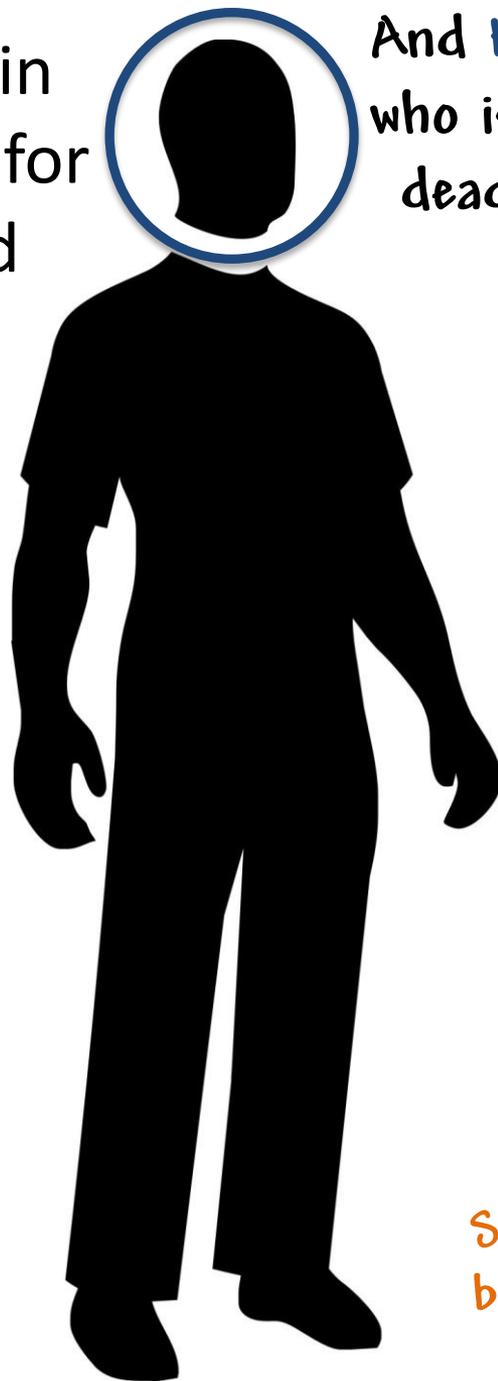
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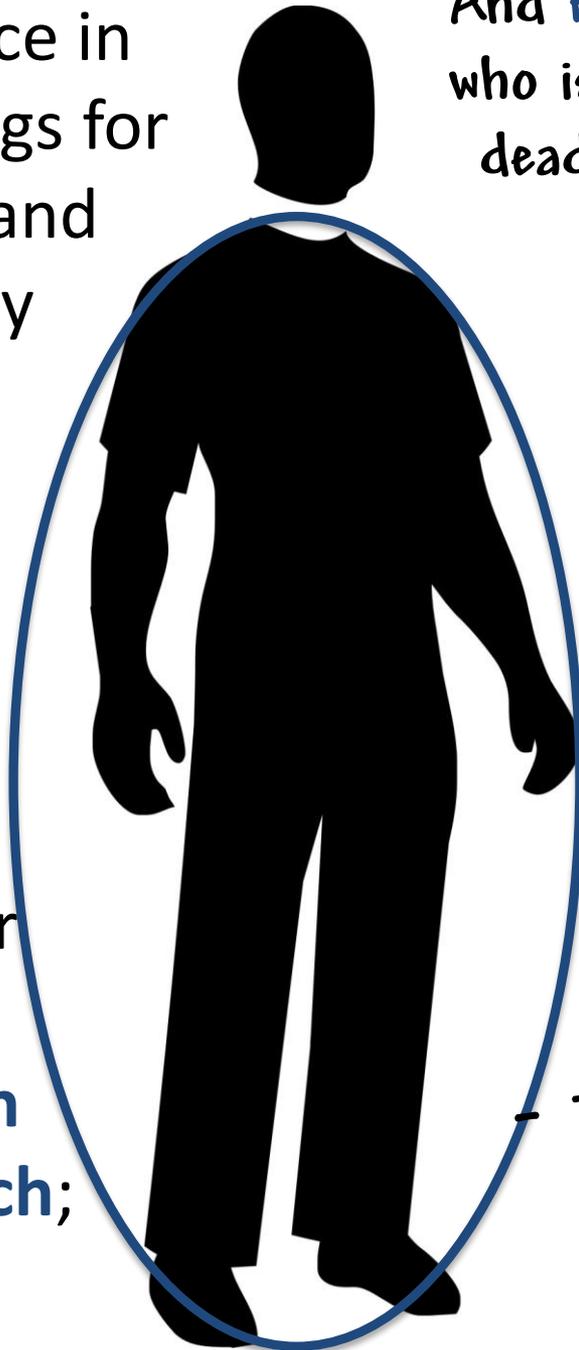
WHY DO PEOPLE FALL AWAY FROM THE CHURCH?

1. They love the head (Jesus), but are embittered against the body (the people)

"If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen." (1 John 4:20)

Sadly, there is often little to do for such people because they don't want to talk with us because they believe we are the problem!

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2. They love the body (the church), but despise the head (Jesus)

- They may despise Jesus because they want to be the head and teach contrary to Him. (Factious)

- They may despise Jesus because they do not wish to follow His commands. (unruly brethren)

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO 'WITHDRAW'?

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Walks disorderly: in this context, it denotes a continuous lifestyle, an unrepentant life.

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? **Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump**, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Cor 5:6-8)

and some save,
snatching them out of
the fire; and on some
have mercy with fear;
hating even the
garment spotted by
the flesh. (Jude 23)

If we are unwilling to do the hard thing, the Christian thing, then we are not different than those we should discipline. **We have chosen to love people in the church more than we love the Creator of the church.**

When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to **deliver this man to Satan** for the destruction of the flesh, **so that his spirit may be saved** in the day of the Lord. (1 Cor 5:4-5)

For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. **So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.**

(2 Cor 2:6-8)