

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT WITHDRAWAL

THERE ARE **3** THINGS YOU NEED
TO KNOW AHEAD OF TIME:

- 1. Peter said some things are hard to understand – 2 Pet 3:16**
- 2. Some things aren't ours to know – Deut 29:29**
- 3. General commands lead to generic answers.**

**How to we recognize withdrawal with the
concept of unconditional love?**

LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL

**For God so loved the world, that He gave His
only Son, that whoever believes in Him
should not perish but have eternal life. For
God did not send His Son into the world to
condemn the world, but in order that the
world might be saved through Him.**

(John 3:16-17)

SALVATION IS NOT

How much time should be given for the one practicing sin to repent before marking them?

a bruised reed he
will not break,
and a smoldering
wick He will not
quench,
Until He brings
justice to victory;
(Matthew 12:20)

And have mercy on
those who doubt; save
others by snatching
them out of the fire; to
others show mercy with
fear, hating even the
garment stained by the
flesh. (Jude 1:23)

How long do we remain withdrawn from someone?

Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, I repent, **you must forgive him.**
(Luke 17:3-4)

Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. 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. **(2 Cor 2:6-7)**

What about those who 'escape' withdrawal?

It doesn't necessarily seem fair that one person is marked forever and another gets by without equal consequences.

Do not be deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

(Galatians 6:7)

Are the rules for withdrawal the same with family as they are with everyone else in the congregation?

The short answer? No.

To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him.

(1 Cor 7:12-13)

But if a widow has **children or grandchildren**, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. (1 Timothy 5:4)

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous. (Proverbs 13:22)

What if we work together, own a business together, etc.?

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

(Romans 16:17)

If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and **have no company** with him, that he may be ashamed.

(2 Thess 3:14)

Synanamignymi – to mix up together, to keep company with, be intimate with one

What do we do about those who have been marked by other congregations?

and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the **right hand of fellowship** to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

(Galatians 2:9)

What happens if another congregation accepts someone we have marked?

NOTHING

How do we know we haven't accidentally done the same thing?

I **commend to you** our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well. (Romans 16:1-2)