

**Church of Grace**

**Fornication &  
Church Discipline**



For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should **abstain from fornication**: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

**I Thessalonians 4:3-7**





6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. 7 **For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.**



**I Thessalonians 4:3-7**



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I wrote unto you in an  
epistle **not to company  
with fornicators:**



**I Corinthians 5:9-13**

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.**



**I Corinthians 5:9-13**

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 idolator, or a railer, or  
a drunkard, or an extortioner; with  
such an one no not to eat.

**I Corinthians 5:9-13**



12 For what have I to do to judge  
them also that are without? do not ye  
judge them that are within? 13 But  
them that are without God judgeth.  
Therefore put away from among  
yourselves that wicked person.

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And **be not drunk** with  
wine, wherein is excess;  
but be filled with the  
Spirit;



**Ephesians 5:18**





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Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, **go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone:** if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.



**Matthew 18:15-17**

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16 But if he will not hear thee,  
then take with thee one or two  
more, that in the mouth of two  
or three witnesses every word  
may be established.



**Matthew 18:15-17**

17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as **an heathen** man and a **publican**.



**Matthew 18:15-17**







# How to Avoid Fornication

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1) Physical Boundaries (1 Corinthians  
7:1-2

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Now concerning the things  
whereof ye wrote unto me:  
It is good for a man not to  
touch a woman.



I Corinthians 7:1-2

2 Nevertheless, to avoid  
fornication, let every man  
have his own wife, and let  
every woman have her own  
husband.

**1 Corinthians 7:1-2**





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- 1) Physical Boundaries (I Corinthians 7:1-2 [Shomer Negiah, שומר נגיעה])
- 2) Geographical Boundaries  
(I Corinthians 6:18)

**Flee fornication.** Every sin that  
a man doeth is without the  
body; but he that committeth  
fornication sinneth against his  
own body.



**I Corinthians 6:18**



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