**Sermon Title: The Warning Against Carnal Living in a Christless Culture, Part 2c**

**Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 10:6-10**

**Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to avoid the examples of living that leads to disqualification.**

**Sermon Proposition: There are 3 major examples that followers of Christ need to avoid in carnal living.**

**Introduction:**

**Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. **2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

The warnings that are set out as examples to avoid are important because of the combining of the worship and commitment to God with anything that is not like Him is an insult and profane to His Holiness and Character. Anything that is created by God, or made by man will always fall short of the true reality of God Himself! What are some attitudes, actions, or activities that exemplify this?

**I. Avoid pursuing evil things. V.6**

**II. Avoid partnering with idols. V.7a**

**III. Avoid practicing idolatry. V.7b-10**

A. The example of **reimaging** God. V.7b

1. The indictment. (**Exodus 32:1-6**)

**Psalm 106:28-31** They joined themselves also to Baal of Peor, And ate sacrifices made to the dead. **29** Thus they provoked *Him* to anger with their deeds, And the plague broke out among them. **30** Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, And the plague was stopped. **31** And that was accounted to him for righteousness To all generations forevermore.

2. The consequences. (**Exodus 32:7-10; 19-28**)

The right God must be worshipped the right way, the way He provides in His Word!

B. The example of **sexual immorality**. V.8

1. The indictment.

a. **Numbers 25:1-2**

**Exodus 34:12-16**

**Psalm 106:34-39** They did not destroy the peoples, Concerning whom the LORD had commanded them, **35** But they mingled with the Gentiles And learned their works; **36** They served their idols, Which became a snare to them. **37** They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons, **38** And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood. **39** Thus they were defiled by their own works, And played the harlot by their own deeds.

**Jude 4** For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Jude 7** as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

2. The consequences.

a. **Numbers 25:3-11**

**1 Corinthians 5**

**1 Corinthians 6:12-18**

**1 Thessalonians 4:3-7** For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; **4** that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, **5** not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; **6** that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. **7** For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

C. The example of **tempting** God. V.9

1. The indictment.

**Numbers 21:4-5**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

“tempt” (perivazo) means to try the Lord’s patience; to see how far a person can go, also to test the patience of Christ.

a. People often feel that God and His leader Moses demanded and expected too much.

b. People often longed for things of the flesh, known in Egypt.

They did not use their new freedom to serve God better, but to demand that God serve them better.

2. The consequences.

**Numbers 21:6; 7-9**

**John 3:14-20** "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **18** "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **20** "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

D. The example of **complaining** against God. V.10

1. The indictment.

a. **Numbers 14:1-10** (of the people)

b. **Numbers 14:18-19** (of God)

Why do people complain?

1. Dissatisfied with the direction God provides through leaders.

2. Dissatisfied with the provisions God provides them or the leaders.

3. Dissatisfied with how God guides the leaders and themselves.

4. Dissatisfied with the message God gives the leader or themselves.

2. The consequences.

a. **Numbers 14:20-29**

b. **Numbers 14:34-38**

c. **Numbers 14:39-45**

**Conclusion:** These examples provide for us the rational and necessity for church discipline in the modern day church, as found in 1 Corinthians 5, Titus 3:10, 1 Timothy 5 and Matthew 18:15-18. So that people will not end up becoming disqualified before the Bema judgment seat day to come!