November 8, 2026

Digging deeper: 1 Corinthians 5:7-13 (When it's loving to judge)

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  (claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, greed/idolatry, abusive, drunkard, cheats people, is idle and not working for their provision, anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, dirty language, lying)
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  (Without hypocrisy; first go privately, and if they won't listen, bring other witnesses to their sin; do so gently and humbly, sharing in their burdens, attempting to be helpful, not being a 'busy-body,' be forgiving, tenderhearted, patient, loving, and willing to teach truth.)

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- On what basis will God judge unbelievers? (for unbelief, don't have the holy spirit, name not in the book of life, and based on how they lived their lives as found in the books)