

## Living Temples

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

**Context:** The Corinthian church was full of sinful behavior - which Paul rebukes in the book of 1 Corinthians. Since most Corinthians repented of the sins Paul addressed in 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians gives instructions on how to effectively live out the Christian life

### As a Temple of the Living God...

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ up with believers (vs. 14-15)

- a. Christians are called to not get involved in entangling relationships with unbelievers, which would lead to compromise and thus being “yoked” with an unbeliever.
- b. Just as one person’s conduct and behavior can strongly influence another, Christians must be careful to seek the influence of other believers.

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_ out all idols (vs. 16-17, 7:1)

- a. In verse 16-18, Paul references Isaiah 52:11. In Isaiah 52, some Israelites had traveled to Egypt to avoid the invading Assyria. Isaiah commands the people to forsake any idolatrous habits they may have picked up while in Egypt and to return to the Promised Land.
- b. “An idol is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give. A counterfeit god is anything so central and essential to your life that, should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living.... If anything becomes more fundamental than God to your happiness, meaning in life, and identity, then it is an idol.” (Tim Keller, Counterfeit Gods (pp. xvii–xix).

#### III. \_\_\_\_\_ closer to the family (vs. 18)

- a. Christians have now been adopted into God’s family. You now have a heavenly father and brothers and sisters.
- b. As God calls us out of idolatry and sin, he gives us a place and a people to join together with - the local church.