

## Be a 100 Percenter – Lesson

**Lesson summary:** You cannot afford to indulge in the flesh like some Christians do. Do not envy them, but pursue God with all your heart and give them an example of the good life.

### **1 CORINTHIANS 5:11 (NIV)**

But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.

Have you ever hung out socially with someone who was a leader in church but outside it's walls you can't tell they love the Lord? For example, someone is in charge of a ministry at church, but by his conversation, smoking, and cussing you would never have known he was a Christian. (Use personal example of a similar situation if possible)

If you have people like that in your life, who are not drug addicts or anything, but live a half-way life for God, do not try to become like them. They are not the standard. In fact, the Bible says not to even eat with them.

You can't afford to compromise like that, because it will eventually take you right back into your addiction. You need to rebuke them, and if they don't repent, stop spending time with them. You need to tow the line, and surround yourself with people who love God enough to live for Him.

### **The devil wants to feed you these lies:**

1. You don't have to do all that Christian stuff to be okay.
2. Just make being clean your goal, not being holy.
3. The world still has lots of fun things for you that are harmless.

### **God's truth:**

1. You are either growing in Christ or falling away towards destruction.
2. Everything that stems from the flesh is destructive, even if it isn't obvious at first.
3. Every good thing comes from God, the devil has nothing that ends good for you.

Your goal needs to be to get as close to God as possible.

Your secondary goal needs to be to make staying clean as easy as possible. The more you feed the flesh, the more difficult it becomes to stay close to God.

We need to be examples to those who are in the church and still have not been fulfilled with Christ because they have neglected pursuing Him.

What are some things you do that cause temptations to become more intense?

What are some things you have changed in your life that afterwards you have noticed a lessening of temptations?