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Title: What agreement?

2 Corinthians 6:11-16

As a reminder:

- **We are in the day of salvation**
- **Remember the paradoxes? Poor but making many rich, unknown yet well known, etc.**

Paul reminds his readers that the apostles' love for their readers (2 Corinthians 6:11-13) is what drives their behavior towards the people of Corinth.

**He implores them to open wide also,
which means that they should be
unrestrained in their love toward him in
the same way that he was toward them.**

**Notably, Paul's direction to the
Corinthians was that they not be bound
(yoked) with unbelievers in 2
Corinthians 6:14. What does that mean?**

**His direction does not mean to end any
contact with unbelievers.**

**1 Corinthians 5:9-13; 1 Corinthians
10:25-31**

**Paul recognized that the two would be
at odds. Look at the OT for a clue.**

Deuteronomy 22:10; Leviticus 19:19

There are relationships we can have with unbelievers that have no bearing on our relationship (and duty) in service to our God, and the body of Christ.

We must also be wary of the relationships that can infringe upon our service to God. Could be a prospective marriage, a friendship, a business relationship, etc.

The rhetorical questions all make the same point — there is no agreement between God and satan, righteousness and lawlessness, temple of God and idols, etc.

**It's us believers who are imitators of
God, not the world: 1 Corinthians
15:31-34; Ephesians 5:1-13**

**Paul writes that we (believers) are the
temple of the living God in 2
Corinthians 6:16. How did the people of
Israel treat their temple?**

**Strangers were forbidden from parts of
the temple, too: Numbers 3:10; 3:38**

**God made it clear that no Gentile could
enter the sanctuary: Ezekiel 44:6-10**

**Jews from Asia stirred up a crowd
against Paul. The allegations? That he
brought an unbeliever into the temple:**

Acts 21:27-30

**Another time, the accusation was that
he desecrated the temple: Acts 24:1-6**

The Jews were devoted to treating their temple the right way, which meant limiting access. That's the larger relationship point where unbelievers are concerned — don't compromise.

We're in this world, but we believers are not of this world. Be careful that you don't get tied up with someone who is a unbeliever if it means that you compromise your own ministry.

**Next week we'll discuss the benefits that
come from doing exactly what the
Lord's will is, and being His sons and
daughters having cleansed ourselves.**