

## Exodus 32:19

*So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.*

When Moses came down from the mountain, carrying the two tablets containing the Ten Commandments and saw the Children of Israel in sin, what did he do?

Well, he carried around picket signs saying that cows are sinful.

No, what about accepting the sin they were doing?

Still not right?

What about saying nothing so he wouldn't appear to be judgmental?

OK, I got it, he joined in with them showing how loving he was.

Actually, the correct answer was that Moses had righteous anger because of the sin that was being committed by the Children of Israel. Yet how do we treat sin in this world? Sad to say, as crazy as my first answers sounded, how many Christians treat sin one or more of those ways?

They will go to abortion clinics and carry around picket signs.

Some will be accepting of the sins. An example would be knowing a Christian man or woman are both living together, and they are not married.

What about cowering in their pew at church saying nothing so as not to appear to be judgmental, because they don't want to hear that dreaded, "judge not lest you be judged" being spoken to them by the person in sin.

We could go on and on, but the truth we should be like Moses was, and treat sin with righteous anger and not being accepting of sin.

*"Yeah, but Moses was a man of God so he could treat sin the way he did"* you may be thinking.

Well, aren't you a man or woman of God? If you are, doesn't sin make you angry and don't you have just as much right to treat it the same way Moses did? If yes, then what are you doing about it? Now, before you answer we do have to be cautious because we are not to judge those outside of the church (nonbelievers), and Paul addressed this with the church in Corinth.

† **1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (NLT2)** *When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people. It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility*

***to judge those inside the church who are sinning. God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures say, "You must remove the evil person from among you."***

Yet how many Christians will use an excuse of "***It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders,***" but shy away from, "***but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning.***" And because we are shying away from that second part, it's no wonder the church looks just like the world, as well as so many Christians who live like the world does.

But even outside of the church with nonbelievers, are we really to be accepting of sin and allowing it to run rampant, doing nothing? Well, think of this, we can't control how nonbelievers live their life, such as living together outside of marriage. But we do have a say on laws and what's acceptable where we live. Same sex marriage, abortion, legalizing pot, what's taught in the schools, etc.... and the way we affect that is by how we vote.

Now don't walk away, because I am not a political person at all. But what I am saying is you can hide from sin and allow it to run rampant in your town, or you can join in with it and do nothing, or you can actually make a difference. Voting in just one way, but there are others, and that's by Praying and living differently around others, or maybe as simple as living a Godly life even when no one is watching, or for some, actually living a godly life around our nonbelieving friends, like we do around our church family.

- † ***Galatians 2:14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?"***
  
- † ***2 Corinthians 6:17-18 Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."***