

# **“Neither Be Partaker of Other Men's Sins”**

## **1 Tim. 5:22**

### Introduction

- I. Christians must be sure not to be influenced to do that which is evil (1 Cor. 15:33).
- II. Sin can spread so quickly with horrific consequences (1 Cor. 5:6; Heb. 3:13; 2 Cor. 2:11; 11:3).
- III. Let us make sure that we are not partakers of other men's sins.

### Discussion

- I. Do not commit sin with other sinners.
  - A. Husbands and wives can sometimes sin together (Acts 5:7-9).
  - B. Acquaintances and friends can try to get us to engage in sin (Prov. 1:10-19; Eph. 5:3-5).
- II. Do not imitate the sin of others.
  - A. Often sin is glamorized and encouraged.
  - B. Jeroboam instituted idol worship, and Israel followed his example (1 Kings 12:28-30; cf. John 4:20-22).
  - C. Stephen rebuked the Jews for acting like the ancestors (Acts 7:51-53).
- III. Do not consent to others committing sin.
  - A. Saul of Tarsus (Acts 7:57-8:1; 22:20).
  - B. Misusing Scriptures to allow for others to sin by partaking of alcohol (1 Tim. 5:23).
- IV. Do not refrain from rebuking and exposing sin.
  - A. Ezekiel (Ezek. 3:17-21)
  - B. Eli (1 Sam. 2:17, 22, 3:13).
  - C. Christians sometimes remain quiet when they should be speaking (Eph. 5:11; 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:2).
- V. Do not misuse our influences and examples.
  - A. Unfortunately, sometimes sin is encouraged (Ezek. 13:22).
  - B. Sometimes individuals do not obey what is taught (1 Cor. 5:11).

### Conclusion

- I. We must always be on guard against living in such ways as to allow sin to flourish.
- II. If necessary, we should remove ourselves from some individuals and their activities.