# Losing the Battle (2 Corinthians 10:5)

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## INTRODUCTION

- Is it possible to hold the line on morality in the 21st century?
- We're destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God.
- All I'm suggesting to you is that our standards are not what they were among the Lord's people.

## 1 Violating God's Principles Carries Horrific Consequences

**Galatians 5; Ephesians 4; 1 Thessalonians 4**

- Violating God's principles carries horrific consequences. That's why we should express godly sorrow that produces repentance.
- True recovery is to express godly sorrow because of what that sin meant to our Lord.
- Those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Either that is true or none of this is true.
- This isn't decided by what I want to do. Or if I can make some argument in Bible class that is good enough for me to justify the conduct.
- As good as you think your argument is, your argument might be with him on the last day. And guess what? You lose.

## 2 The Standards of Churches and What Teachers Teach Matters

**Revelation 2:24–28**

- The standards of churches and what teachers teach matters.
- There were some in Pergamum that were holding to the teaching of Balaam, which encouraged immorality.
- There will be serious consequences for churches who do not hold the line in regard to biblical morality.
- I place no other burden on you. Nevertheless, what you have, hold fast until I come.
- He who overcomes, and he who keeps my deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations.

## 3 The Battle Can Be Won

- The battle can be won. And we need to be intent on winning it.
- We can win this battle with the help of our God by doing this. By trusting, living, and advancing the righteousness of God.
- I must believe that God's ways are right, that they are best, that they are saving and exalting. It begins with trust.
- Before I can help others, I must implement these principles myself in my life.

- I trust it, I implement it, I live it in my life, and then I advance it to others in whatever ways that I can.
- By my example with my lips, by my participation among a group of people who holds God's line, who teaches God's will in truth without compromise.

THE CHALLENGE

Embrace such a treasure and do so without delay.

MY NOTES