

LESSON 6
NOT THE DREAM TEAM
2 CORINTHIANS 6:3—7:1



1 List famous partnerships from . . .

show business _____

politics _____

history _____

the arts _____

sports _____

2 What makes a partnership strong?

3 What makes a partnership weak?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:3—7:1 and the following notes:

▢ 6:14–18 ▢ 6:17



4 What did Paul mean when he wrote, “Don’t team up with those who are unbelievers” (6:14)?

5 Why is such “teaming up” forbidden (6:14—7:1)?

Corinth was an immoral city, with all the moral ravages one can find in today's cities. In such a sinful setting, God called his people to holiness. What the believers needed to learn was that they could not live for Christ while associating with unbelievers who had such low moral standards. Christ's values and the world's were too different to mix. The same is true today. Christ wants us to be different. In forming ties with unbelievers, we must maintain enough integrity to stay loyal to Christ. Otherwise, we will be forced to compromise our beliefs, values, and loyalty.



6 What causes Christians to form partnerships and alliances with unbelievers?

7 What are the dangers of establishing close ties with unbelievers?

8 What challenges arise from avoiding close ties with unbelievers?



9 In what situations should a Christian not form a partnership with another Christian?

10 What might you say to a Christian high school student who dates an unbeliever?

11 What are two or three examples of Christians teaming up with unbelievers?

12 What should you do if you are already in a partnership with an unbeliever?

13 Regarding the partnerships you are now in, what steps can you take this week to ensure that you don't compromise your Christian commitment?



14 What can you do to avoid forming partnerships with unbelievers in the future?

A What hinders people from believing Christians' claims about Christ (6:3)? What can you do to remove such hindrances?

B What experiences did Paul endure in order to avoid discrediting his ministry (6:3–10)? How did Paul's actions help his credibility? What should you be willing to put up with so that people won't find fault with you?

C How can righteousness be used as a weapon (6:7)?

D How do we "cleanse ourselves" (7:1)? What can you do to cleanse yourself?

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