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Sufficient for such a one is this punishment

“The trouble with quotes on the internet is that it’s difficult to determine whether or not they are genuine”

- Abraham Lincoln

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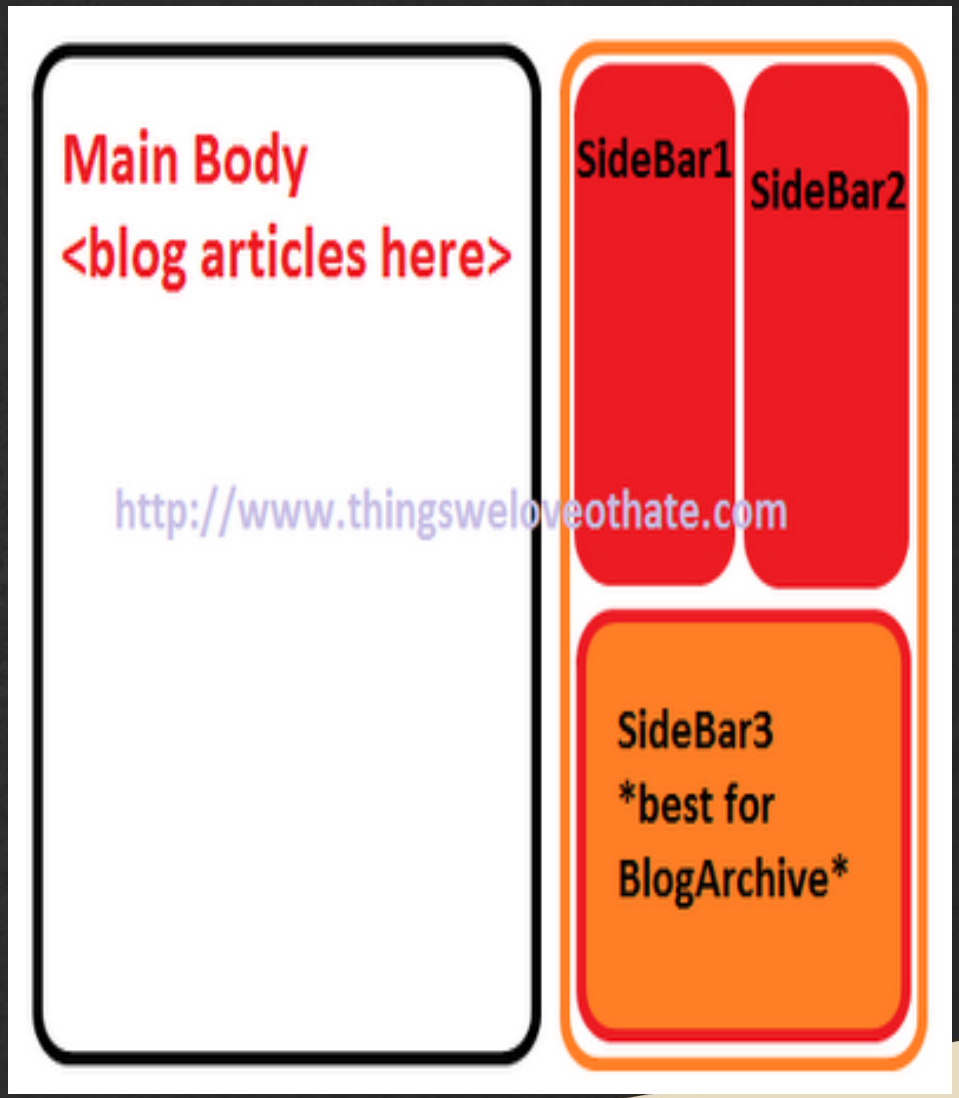
What is a Sidebar?



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In publishing, **sidebar** is a term for information ***placed adjacent*** to an article in a printed or Web publication, graphically separate but with contextual connection.



Why relevant?

Because the message today is an aside to the book of 2 Corinthians.

It is here to help us understand what has been happening at Corinth.

It is a sidebar dealing with Church discipline.



Our Previous Passage

- **2 Corinthians 2:6-8** Sufficient for such a one is this punishment which *was inflicted* by the majority, 7 so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort *him*, otherwise such a one might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. 8 Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm *your* love for him.

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Definition of Disfellowship

- Excommunicate
- Dismissed from fellowship, disallowed from sharing together in the cause of Christ

Definition of Disfellowship

- 1 Corinthians 5:1-2 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. 2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.

Purpose of Disfellowshipping:
Keep the body set apart

– Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump *of dough*? 7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Purpose of Disfellowshipping:
Keep the body on target

…so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

2 Corinthians 5:15

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Purpose of Disfellowshipping:
To bring the individual to repentance

- **1 Corinthians 5:5** *I have decided* to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Purpose of Disfellowshipping

Outside the church

Unprotected affliction from our opponents causes repentance

Inside the church

The obedience of faith causes growth

Triggers for Disfellowshipping

From 1 Cor. 5:11

1. immoral person
2. covetous
3. idolater
4. reviler
5. drunkard
6. swindler
7. unruly life - II Thes.3:6 8.
8. division of the local church Titus 3:10,11 - 9.
9. false teaching I Tim. 1:20
10. Other – Matt. 18: 15 - 17

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Restoration from Disfellowshipping

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