

AVOID THEM! Romans 16:17

- 1) “Now I beseech you, brethren, to mark them who make dissensions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have learned, and avoid them” Romans 16:17.
- 2) “Put away the evil one from among yourselves” I Corinthians 5:13.
- 3) “Therefore, be ye not partakers with the children of unbelief. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” Ephesians 5:7, 11.
- 4) “And we charge you, brethren, in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every brother walking disorderly and not according to the tradition which they have received from us. And if any man obey not our word by this Epistle, note that man and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed” II Thessalonians 3:6, 14, 15.
- 5) “If any man shall be friendly to those with whom the Roman Pontiff is not in communion, he is in complicity with those who want to destroy the Church of God; and, though he may seem to be with us in body, he is against us in mind and spirit, and is a much more dangerous enemy than those who are outside and are our avowed foes” Pope St. Clement I.
- 6) “It is fitting, therefore, that you keep aloof from such persons, and neither in private nor in public speak to them. But flee from all abominable heresies and those who cause schisms as the beginning of evils...If any man follows him who separates from the truth, he shall not inherit the kingdom of God; and if any man does not stay from the Preacher of falsehood, he shall be condemned to hell. If anyone walks according to a foreign doctrine, he is not of Christ nor a partaker of His passion. Have no fellowship with such a man, lest you perish along with him, even though he should be your father, your son, your brother, or a member of your family.” St. Ignatius of Antioch.
- 7) “Whoever is separated from the Church must be avoided and fled from; ... One must withdraw from those who are engaged in sin; rather, one must fly from them, lest by joining their evil course and thus taking the wrong road, one should become involved in the same guilt” St. Cyprian.
- 8) “Do everything you can to break away from such men; as you value your salvation, avoid those who associate with such harmful connections” St. Cyprian.
- 9) “It is an illusion to seek the company of sinners on the pretence of reforming them or of converting them; it is far more to be feared that they will communicate their poison to us” St. Gregory Nazianzen.
- 10) “He who can never love Christ enough, will never give up fighting against those who hate Him” St. John Chrisostom.
- 11) “Cut off the decayed flesh, expel the mangy sheep from the fold, lest the whole house, the whole paste, the whole body, the whole flock, burn, perish, rot, and die.” St. Jerome.
- 12) “No one must either pray nor sing psalms with heretics, and whosoever shall communicate with those who are cut off from the communion of the Church, whether clergy or layman: let him be excommunicated” Council of Carthage.
- 13) “From non-Catholics turn away your thoughts, turn away your ears, so that you may have strength to grasp life everlasting through the one, true, and holy Catholic Church. Our

Lord warns all the faithful: they must not put any faith in heretics and schismatics” St. Augustine.

14) “If any clergyman or layman shall go into the synagogue of Jews or the meetings of the heretics to join in prayer with them, let them be deposed and deprived of communion. If any bishop or priest or deacon shall join in prayer with heretics, let him be suspended from communion” III Council of Constantinople.

15) “No one shall pray in common with heretics and schismatics” Council of Laodicea.

16) “We decree that those who give credence to the teachings of heretics, as well as those who receive, defend, or patronize them, are excommunicated. If anyone refuses to avoid such accomplices after they have been ostracized by the Church, let them also be excommunicated.” IV Lateran Council.

17) “..., and we forbid under anathema that anyone presume to help heretics or to do business with heretics” III Lateran Council.

18) “To know whom to avoid is a great means of saving our souls. Thus, the Church forbids the faithful to communicate with those unbelievers who have forsaken the faith by corrupting it, such as heretics, or by renouncing it, such as apostates” St. Thomas Aquinas.

19) “...It is for this reason that both divine and human laws command such sinners to be put to death, because there is a greater likelihood of their harming others than of their mending their ways” St. Thomas Aquinas.

20) “We are not faithful to God if we love His enemies” St. Thomas Aquinas.

21) “All heretics of every name and every sect, and those who give them credence, or who receive or countenance them, and generally all those who take up their defense, are hereby excommunicated” Venerable Pope Pius IX.

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