

**Go Team?**

Sam plays softball for a local team. The team has a reputation for losing. It also has a reputation for partying at Frank's Tavern, its sponsor, after and sometimes before games. Sam joined the team when one of his neighbors invited him to take the place of a player who had to quit. When Sam joined, he did not know the team had such a bad reputation in the league. To make matters worse, during the games Sam is required to wear a team T-shirt with a Frank's Tavern logo on it.

The team's reputation is disconcerting to Sam. He is an active witness for Christ. He does not want to do anything that would hurt his testimony. Yet he knows that staying on the team will give him many opportunities to share Christ. He is afraid that he will alienate his neighbor and teammates if he quits just to protect his reputation and testimony.

1. Are Sam's concerns legitimate? Explain.
2. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14 and 15. How do these verses relate to Sam's situation?
3. What situations are you involved in that might compromise your testimony?
4. What can you do to apply the principles of separation in those situations?