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“Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?” (1 Cor 5:6 NRSV).

The passage in 1 Cor 5 is often considered crucial.

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First Corinthians 5:6 is a crucial text.

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