

“CHURCH DISCIPLINE 101”

Matthew 18:15-17

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I. What is the purpose of church discipline?

Discipling: activity geared toward the _____ of those who are walking in obedience.

Discipline: activity geared toward the _____ of those who are walking in disobedience.

Three main purposes for church discipline:

1. To protect the _____ of Jesus Christ.
2. To preserve the _____ of the church.
3. To _____ the sinning believer.

II. What is the process of church discipline?

Step 1: Go to the _____.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

Step 2: Go with _____.

Step 3: Tell it to _____.

What types of sins require this level of confrontation and discipline?

1. Sins that destroy Christian _____ and relationships. These would include gossip, slander, anger and abusive speech. (*Matthew 5:23-24; Ephesians 4:15-31; Galatians 5:19-21; Colossians 3:8; Titus 3:9-11*)
2. Sins that _____ a person in corrupt or immoral behavior. (*1 Corinthians 5:10-11; 6:9-10; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:3-5*)
3. Sins that involve false teaching or rejection of _____ doctrine. (*Galatians 1:8-9; 1 Timothy 1:19-20; 6:3-5; 2 John 9-11*)
4. Sins that harm the testimony of the _____. (*2 Thessalonians 3:11-14; 1 Corinthians 5:1; Romans 16:17-20; Revelation 2:5*).

Step 4: Treat him as an _____.

III. How is the congregation to treat someone under church discipline?

1. Warn and make loving _____ for him or her to repent and reconcile with the church. (*2 Timothy 2:24-25*)
2. Reveal true _____ and care for the wayward believer when in their presence. (*2 Thessalonians 3:14-15*)
3. Withhold social _____ from the wayward one. (*2 Thessalonians 3:6; Romans 16:17*)
4. Treat the excluded person as an _____. (*Matthew 18:17*)