

Church Discipline!

An intensive study of corrective church discipline



- A. Do we need discipline in the church today?
- B. Why do we need discipline and who is to apply it?
- C. What happens if we don't apply discipline?
- D. These questions are very important for the lesson this morning, and we all have the responsibility to give an answer according to Gods word.
1. Two **Extremes!**
- a. _____
- Wrong Motive (2Th.3:15)
 - No Teaching, Encouraging, Exhortation (Ac.18:26) (1Th.5:14)
 - Inconsistency (Js.2:1-13 esp. vv..1,9)
- b. _____
- Ignoring, Hoping It Will Go Away (1Cor.5:2)
 - Fear The Consequences (Mt.10:28)
2. **The Need.**
- c. Clear Teaching (Mt.4:4) (Jo.8:32) (Ep.5:17)
- d. Consistent Practice (1Co.15:58)

I. Corrective Church Discipline Is A New Testament Doctrine

- A. (Mt.18:15-17) (Ro.16:17-18) (1Co.5:1-13) (Ep.5:11) (1Th.5:14) (2Th.3:6,14-15) (1Ti.5:20) (2Ti.3:1-5) (Ti.1:9-11,13) (Ti.3:10-11) (2Jo.1:9-11)
- a. **God's Use Of** _____
- Adam To Moses
 - Moses To The Church
 - The New Testament Church

II. What Is "Church" Discipline?

A. Instructive/ Corrective

- Instructive: _____ in nature
- Corrective: Chastising or penalizing in nature

III. Church Discipline Is _____ - _____

- A. Three Categories Of Church Discipline
- 1.To the faithful - Teach
 - 2.To the wayward - Warn
 - 3.To the impenitent – Withdraw

IV. Why Is Church Discipline _____?

- A. *The definition goes a long way in answering this question*
- B. In any society where people share a common purpose, discipline is a must!

- C. Two-fold discipline is necessary to function properly in the...

1. Home - Community - Nation – Church
2. No one can become a Christian
_____ discipline (Jo.6:44-46)
3. No one can remain a Christian without discipline (Mt.28:20)

V. What Is The Purpose Of _____ Discipline?

- A. To Save Their Soul
- B. To Save The Church
- C. To _____ Fear
- D. To Magnify, Exalt And Maintain The Honor Of Christ And His Authority

VI. Who Should Receive Corrective Discipline?

- A. Those who are guilty of sinning against a brother
- B. Those who _____ the works of the flesh
- C. False teachers and all who cause division
- D. Elders who continue in sin
- E. All who walk disorderly.
- F. Is forsaking the assembly "disorderly" or "out of order"?

VII. Who Is Responsible For Taking Action?

- A. The _____.
- B. The Elders.
- C. The church.

VIII. How Should Corrective Discipline Be _____ Out?

- A. Determine The Certainty Of Guilt or Innocence
- B. Warn The Disorderly
- C. Sincere, Diligent, Longsuffering Effort To Restore
- D. If They _____ To Repent – Withdraw
- E. Should Be Done Openly And Publicly

Conclusion:

A. Are You...

- Punishing him as a brother? (2Co.2:6) (2Th.3:15)
- Avoiding them? (Ro.16:17)
- Not keeping _____ with them, not even eating with them? (1Co.5:11)
- Having no joint participation with them? (Ep.5:11)
- Withdrawing from them? (2Th.3:6)
- Turning away from them? (2Ti.3:5)
- Rejecting them? (Ti.3:10)
- Treating them like the Jews treated a _____ and tax collector? (Mt.18:17)

MY NOTES: