

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

What Is It? / How Do We Use It?

1 Corinthians 5:6 - Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

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Interactive Outline

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

March 23, 2014

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:15-17

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1) Church Discipline In The Scriptures

A. Defined:

- 1) **Merriam-Webster** - Punishment, Instruction. Training that corrects, molds, or perfects the mental faculties or moral character. A rule or system of rules governing conduct or activity.
- 2) **Thayer's Greek Lexicon - 3809 "paideia"**: 1. The whole training and education of children (Eph.6:4). 2. Whatever in adults also cultivates the soul, esp. by correcting mistakes and curbing the passions; hence a. instruction which aims at the increase of virtue (2 Tim.3:16) b. chastisement, chastening,...: (Heb.12:5).

B. Practical Application:

- 1) Regulations set forth by God that Instruct Us, Correct Us, Reprimand Us, Equip Us to begin to be conformed to the image of Jesus our Christ & Savior! (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 8:28-31)
- 2) Preventative In Nature – 2 Timothy 4:1-5
- 3) Corrective In Nature – Matthew 18:15-17

C. Purpose Of Church Discipline:

- 1) It Is Not: an act of revenge; to be done in spite; to embarrass.
- 2) It Is Designed To:
 - a. Save The Erring Christian:
 - b. Protect The Church: 1Corinthians 5:6-7; 1 Timothy 1:19-20
 - c. Preserve The Integrity of The Church: 1 Corinthians 1:22-23

Notes:

2) Conduct Deserving of Church Discipline

A. Scriptural Reasons to Act:

- 1) A brother who has sinned against another, but refuses to repent of his transgression (Matthew 18:15-17).
- 2) Those who cause others to stumble, and who initiate division (Romans 16:17; Titus 3:10).
- 3) Those who practice such sins as fornication, covetousness, extortion, idolatry, drunkenness, etc... (1 Cor. 5:9).
- 4) Those who teach false doctrines (1 Timothy 1:19-20; 2 Tim. 2:16-18).
- 5) Those who walk disorderly are to be refused association by the faithful (2 Thessalonians 3:6).

Notes:

What must I do to be saved?

Hear: Romans 10:17, Acts 2:37. Believe: Hebrews 11:6, Acts 18:8. Repent: Matthew 4:17, Acts 17:30-31. Confess: Mat. 10:32-33, John 11:25-27. Be Baptized: Mat. 28:19, Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21.