

Church Discipline

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¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

We are to confront sin in other _____, not _____.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are _____ to each other.

Galatians 6:1-4

1 Corinthians 5

The offense described is not a slight or a slip up; it's a _____ or _____ sin.

Dealing with sin in the church:

- 1. Go _____ to the person and discuss it in _____.**
- 2. Go with an attitude of _____, _____, and _____.**

"Do to others as you would have them to do you." Matthew 7:12 (NIV)

"Speaking the truth in love..." Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

"Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person—how?—gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:1-2 (NIV)

The primary purpose of discipline is the _____ of your brother or sister.

A secondary purpose of discipline is to _____ the _____ of the church and _____ others from _____.

- 3. If he refuses to repent, go back to him with two or three _____ as _____.**

"One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." Deuteronomy 19:15 (NIV)

4. If he still refuses to repent, the matter is to be taken to the _____.

5. If he still refuses to repent, he is to be treated as an _____.

If we as Christians approach these situations in His name, God will _____ and _____ the actions we take.