

***Pursuing Holiness
– Church Discipline –***

Matthew 18:15-18

***Church
Discipline***



Critics Claim Church Discipline Is:

- ***Unloving***
- ***Unkind***
- ***Lacks mercy***
- ***Is Judgmental***
- ***Causes shame***

Error of the Critics Is Captured With This Comment By James Twitchell

“Go and sin no more”

has been

replaced with

“Judge not lest you be judged.”

Critics Have Missed The Best Reason For Church Discipline

**Jesus Told Us
*To Do IT.***

Among Those Familiar With Church Discipline

Some view it as a license to get:

- ***Revenge***
- ***Hurt***
- ***Obtain justice***
- ***Bring resolution to a hurt heart***

Three Reasons To Not Confront Those Who Offend Us Personally

- 1. Scripture does not support the idea of confronting our offenders.***
- 2. Scripture tells us to independently and unconditionally forgive our offenders.***
- 3. Scripture has many examples of this principle.***

Conclusion From Last Study - Principle #1

***When the offense is
against us personally,
we are to forgive
independently and unconditionally.***

. . . not to confront

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Mark of Success - ***Repentance***

The Ultimate Goal

***Restore Them To A
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3. If unsuccessful, seek restoration with the church. - ***Matt. 18:17***

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- Principle #2 -

***When a brother sins
against someone else,
and the sin is serious.***

Examples of Principle #2

1 Corinthians 5

— ***Moral failing***

2 Corinthians 2

— ***False teachers***

1 Timothy 1:20

— ***Blasphemers***

When Do We Implement Church Discipline?

- Principle #3 -

***When a brother's sin
is habitual.***

Example of Principle #3

Titus 3:10

— ***Factionous person***

2 Thess. 3:6, 14

— ***Unruly living***

Romans 16:17-18

— ***Causing trouble & dissensions***

Phil. 4:2-3

— ***Any individuals who have an ongoing conflict***

How Shall We Respond?

1. If you have offended someone . . .

***Matt. 5:21-24 says to
go seek forgiveness***

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2. If you are the offended forgive . . .

***Independently and
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