

***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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Not to You

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

When Do We Implement Church Discipline?

- 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
unconditionally***

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