

"...DO NOT YE JUDGE THEM THAT ARE WITHIN?" I COR. 5:12

TEXT: I Cor. 5:1-13; II Thess. 3:6 "NOW WE COMMAND YOU, BRETHREN, IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT YE WITHDRAW YOURSELVES FROM EVERY BROTHER THAT WALKETH DISORDERLY, AND NOT AFTER THE TRADITION WHICH HE RECEIVED OF US."

I. VALUE AND NATURE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

- A. Worth As Pictured In The Scriptures
- B. Importance Of Local Membership
 - 1. Results if disregarded

DEFINITION OF DISCIPLINE: "Develop by instruction, exercise, train in self control, chasten, punishment."

II. WHY HAVE CHURCH DISCIPLINE?

- A. Commanded Matt. 18:17; Rom. 16:17-20, Texts, I Thess. 5:14
- B. Protect Church
- C. "that others also may fear." I Tim. 5:20
- D. Save The Sinner
- E. To Distinguish Good From Evil II Cor. 6:14-18

III. WHO IS TO BE DISCIPLINED (WITHDRAWN FROM)

- A. Those Who Refuse To Correct Personal Offenses Matt. 18:15-17
- B. Those Who Cause Division-Contrary To Gospel Rom. 16:17
- C. Factions Tit. 3:10
 - 1. Name Calling
- D. Those Guilty Of Sins Of The Flesh I Cor. 5:11
 - 1. Fornicators I Cor. 5:9
 - 2. Adulterers Heb. 13:4; I Cor. 5:13
 - 3. Drunkards
 - 4. Covetous I Cor. 5:11, Eph. 5:5
 - 5. Idolaters I Cor. 5:11, 10:14
 - 6. Railers and revilers I Cor. 5:11
 - 7. Extortioners I Cor. 5:11
 - 8. Busybodies and idle II Thess. 3:11-16
- E. Those That Are "Disorderly" ("out of ranks, irregular, inordinate, deviating from the prescribed order or rule" Lexicon, Thayer, p. 83) Many things are "out of ranks" or stand out some are:
 - 1. forsaking the assembling
 - 2. dress (hippy clothing, mini-skirts)
 - 3. disturbing assembly by talking, laughing, etc.
- F. Unruly I Thess. 5:14
- G. Some "Voices From The Past" On Church Discipline

"Mark them which cause division and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned and avoid them."

IV. WHAT IS INVOLVED

- A. Who And Attitude Gal. 6:1
 - 1. if the sin is against individual Matt. 18:15-18
 - 2. if sin brings reproach on bride of Christ brethren act Rev,
- B. Action Against The Withdrawn
 - 1. no company II Thess. 3:14,15
 - 2. not to eat I Cor. 5:11
 - 3. mark and avoid Rom. 16:17
 - 4. reject Tit. 3:10
- C. Purpose-That He May Be Ashamed II Thess. 3:14 And Repent
 - Note: Lk. 17:3; II Cor. 2:4-11

Eph. 5:11-17

When discipline is practiced by all churches of Christ as it ought to be, the authority of Christ will be honored and maintained the church will be kept pure, the world will respect us, and the souls of sinful brethren will be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus! A lack of discipline toward "disorderly" is NOT prompted by love Prov. 13:24 and we will do well to answer the question at the very top of the page in the affirmative.

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