

"..DO NOT YE JUDGE THEM THAT ARE WITHIN?" (I Cor. 5:12)

"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." (II Thess. 3:6)

"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother." (II Thess. 3:14,15)

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." (Rom. 16:17)

"A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself." (Tit. 3:10,11)

"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly..." (I Thess. 5:14)

"Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality." (I Tim. 5:20,21)

"And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you...To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus...Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump...But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat...Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." (I Cor. 5)

"Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted by the many...For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things." (II Cor. 2:6,9)

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." (Matt. 18:15-17)

"..but if the salt have lost his savour...it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." (Matt. 5:13)

QUESTIONS

1. Do the steps of Matt. 18:15-17 apply to all cases of discipline? No, Matt. 18:15-17 deals with a problem between 2 brethren not an open public sin.
2. What is the purpose of disciplining those that remove themselves from the church? So that others will fear and the church will obey the commands of Christ.
3. Aren't angels supposed to do the discipline? Yes, but they will get what the congregation misses. It still has a responsibility.
4. Is it showing love to discipline wrongdoers? Yes! (I John 2:4,5)
5. What if part practice it and part do not? The wrongdoer will not be made to be ashamed and will not be brought to repentance!
6. Is discipline joy or sadness? (Heb. 12:11)