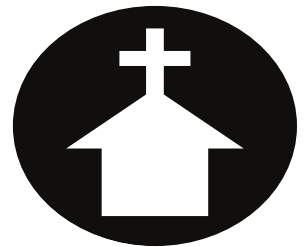




The Church

“Pray for me!”



For the moment all
discipline seems painful
rather than pleasant...

Heb 12:11a



...but later it yields the
peaceful fruit of
righteousness to those
who have been trained
by it.

Heb 12:11b

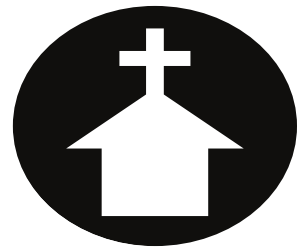


⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

Heb 12:7



Discipline is an act of love.



¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

Heb 12:10



Church Discipline



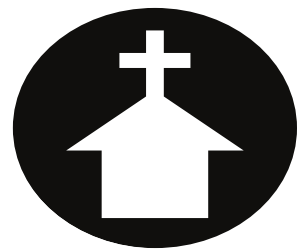
Part 1

The Existence of Church Discipline



Passages related to Church Discipline

1. Matt 18:15-20
2. 1 Cor 5:1-13
3. 2 Cor 2:6-7
4. Gal 6:1-2
5. 2 Thes 3:6-15
6. 1 Tim 5:19-20
7. Titus 3:9-11

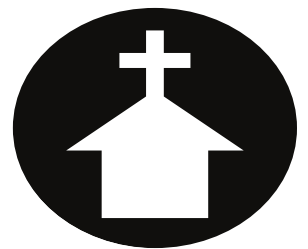


Part 2

The Definition of Church Discipline



Church discipline is part of
discipleship.



Aspect 1

Formative Discipline

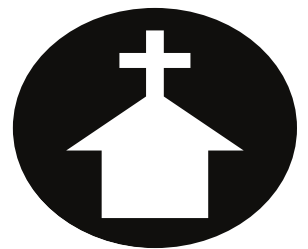
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Formative Discipline

Instruction and training to
lead people to be more
like Christ



Aspect 2

Corrective Discipline

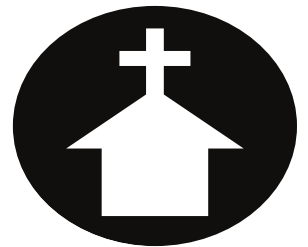
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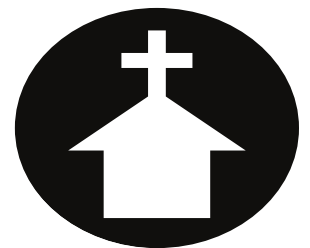
Corrective Discipline

Reproof and correction to
lead people to be more
like Christ



Corrective Church Discipline

The body acting together intentionally to bring reproof and correction to a specific person for a particular sin to lead him to be more like Christ.



Part 3

The Reasons for Church Discipline



Reason 1

Restoration (Formation) of the Sinner

Gal 6:1-2 | 1 Cor 5:5 | 2 Thes 3:15

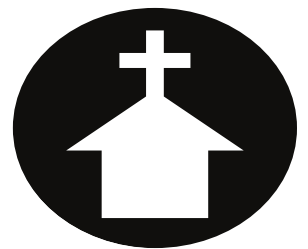
Pew Bible: 975, 954, 990



Warning!

Church discipline is **not** to
satisfy/gratify wrath.

(It is **not** about getting even.)



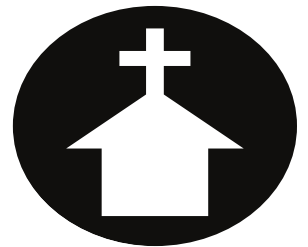
Matt 12:15-21

Pew Bible: 817



Key Concept

Gentleness \neq Avoidance



Reason 2

Protection of the Body

1 Tim 5:19-20 | Titus 3:9-11

Pew Bible: 993, 999



Reason 3

Displaying God's Glory & God's Gospel to the World

1 Cor 5:5 | 1 Pet 2:12

Pew Bible: 954, 1015



Part 4

The Practice of Church Discipline



Matt 18:15-20

Pew Bible: 823

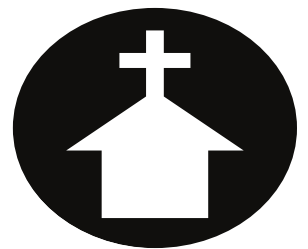


Four Phases in Church Discipline



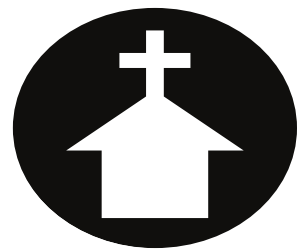
Key Thought

Progressive process not a
precise prescription



Key Goal

Keep the people involved as
narrow as possible



Phase 1

Private Conversation

Matt 18:15



Phase 2

Private Confirmation

Matt 18:16



Phase 3

Congregational Explanation

Matt 18:17a



Phase 4

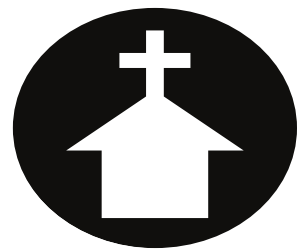
Congregational Excommunication

Matt 18:17b



Key Principle

Wise discipline is applied in appropriate means and appropriate measures.



Remember

At the heart of church
discipline is love
for God's glory,
Christ's gospel,
and our good.

