



*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.

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**Heb 12:11b**



<sup>7</sup> 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?

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Heb 12:7



Discipline is an act of love.



<sup>10</sup> 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.

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Heb 12:10



# Church Discipline



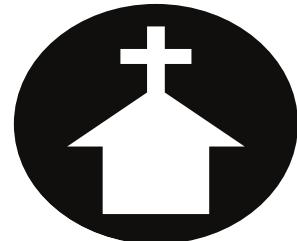
Part 1

# **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

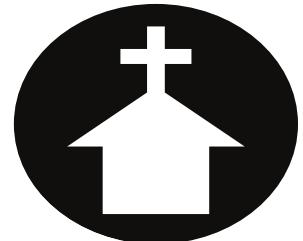
# Formative Discipline

**1 Tim 3:16-17**  
**Pew Bible: 996**



# Formative Discipline

*Instruction and training* to  
lead people to be more  
like Christ



Aspect 2

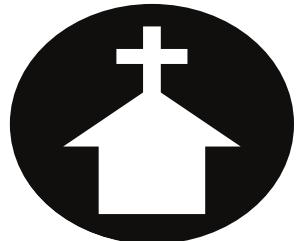
# Corrective Discipline

**1 Tim 3:16-17**  
**Pew Bible: 996**



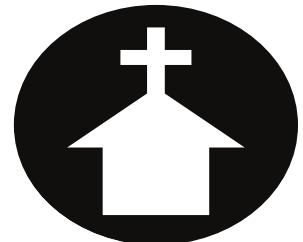
# Corrective Discipline

*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.)



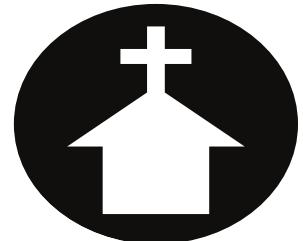
# Matt 12:15-21

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

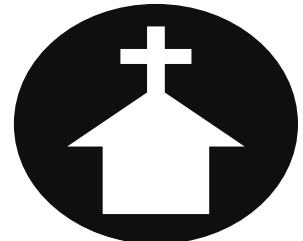


# Four Phases in Church Discipline



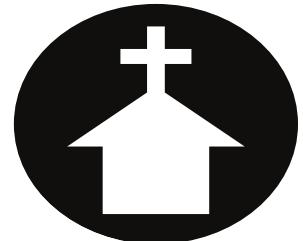
## Key Thought

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

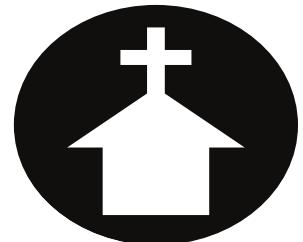
# Congregational Excommunication

**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.

