

Church Discipline

Lecture Outline *Part 1 of 4*

Introduction: Two Concerns

I. Discipline in the Early Church

- A. Things begin very well in Acts.
- B. Peter, Ananias, and Sapphira (Acts 5:1–11).
- C. Discipline at the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11).
- D. God takes the sin of His saints seriously, and deals with it in discipline.

II. Possible Objections to Church Discipline

- A. Didn't Jesus deal kindly with the woman caught in the act of adultery in John 8?
- B. Didn't Jesus say "judge not" in Matthew 7:1?
- C. Doesn't James 4:11–12 tell us that judging goes against the law?
- D. Doesn't the Bible say that "God is love," thus discipline is contrary to God's character?

III. Church Discipline is the Outworking of God's Fatherly Love through His Church, with _____ and _____ as its Goal

- A. The Example of Peter (Luke 22:31–34)
- B. The Example of David (2 Sam. 11, 24)

IV. Application

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V. Introduction: Matthew 18

A. Verses 1–4

B. Verses 7–14

C. This should set the tone for what is about to follow in verses 15–20.

VI. Matthew 18:15–20 is Our Mandate

VII. The Process of Discipline Outlined

A. Four steps

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

B. This is done with heaven's _____.

VIII. The Process of Discipline Should Be Viewed as the Church's _____
with God, His _____, and His _____ of Sin

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Introduction: Two Case Studies

IX. Church Discipline in 1 Corinthians 5

- A. The city
- B. The occasion
- C. The church's failure
- D. What we should learn from this
- E. Paul's long-distance discipline

X. Discipline in 2 Corinthians 2:5–11

- A. The church's obedience
- B. The church's second failure
- C. The solution

XI. The Value of Plurality in the Discipline Process

- A. Romans 15:14
- B. 1 Thessalonians 5:12–14
- C. Three things to think about

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XII. Introduction: Private or Public?

XIII. A Biblical Example of Public Discipline

A. The example of Peter, Barnabas, and Paul (Gal. 2)

B. The background (Mark 7:19, Acts 10–11)

C. The situation

D. A more recent illustration

XIV. Is There Ever a Time When Private Correction Needs to be Made Public?

XV. The Public Correction of an Elder – 1 Timothy 5:17–21

XVI. Conclusion