

"DISCIPLINE IN THE HOUSE OF GOD"

I CORINTHIANS 5:1-13

I. THE OBLIGATION TO DISCIPLINE (5:1-2a)

- A. The Particular Sin In Question Was Well Known (5:1)
- B. The Particular Attitude Of The Corinthians Was Terrible (5:2a)
 - 1. Pride
 - 2. Lack of Mourning

II. THE EXECUTION OF DISCIPLINE (5:2b-5)

- A. Paul Had Pronounced Judgment On The Man (5:3)
- B. Paul Desired A Unified Authority For Executing The Sentence (5:4)
- C. Paul Proposed Severe Discipline For A Remedial Purpose (5:5)

III. THE EXPLANATION FOR DISCIPLINE (5:6-8)

- A. Lessons From The Leaven Metaphor (5:6-7a)
 - 1. A Little Goes A Long Way [Toward Destruction] (5:6)
 - 2. The Old Must Be Purged Out (5:7a)
- B. Lessons From Christ & The Feast[s] (5:7b-8)

IV. THE RAMIFICATIONS OF DISCIPLINE (5:9-13)

- A. They Were To Passively Withdraw From Fornicators Who Named The Name Of Christ (5:9-11)
- B. They Were To Aggressively Excommunicate The Unrepentant Sinning Member (5:12-13)

CHURCH DISCIPLINE REASONS

1. RESTORATION (GAL. 6:1; II COR. 2:6,7; II THESS. 3:15; MATT. 18:15)

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

II Corinthians 2:6 "Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many."

II Corinthians 2:7 "So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow."

II Thessalonians 3:15 "Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother."

Matthew 18:15 "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."

2. GUARANTEE THE PURITY OF THE CHURCH AND KEEP SIN FROM SPREADING (I COR. 5:6,7)

I Corinthians 5:6 "Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?"

I Corinthians 5:7 "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:"

3. TO FULFILL OUR OBLIGATION TO JUDGE ONE ANOTHER (I COR. 5:12b; 6:2,3)

I Corinthians 5:12b "For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?"

I Corinthians 6:2 "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"

I Corinthians 6:3 "Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?"

4. MAINTAIN A PURE TESTIMONY IN THE COMMUNITY (I TIM. 3:7)

I Timothy 3:7 "Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."

5. AVOID THE JUDGMENT OF GOD UPON THE CHURCH (I COR. 11:29-31; JOSHUA 7:26)

I Corinthians 11:29 "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

I Corinthians 11:30 "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep."

I Corinthians 11:31 "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."

Joshua 7:26 "And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day."