

# Church Discipline

*Part 1*

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## 1. What is Church Discipline?

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***Church Discipline is the act of correcting or excluding those professing believers who are in clear violation of God's Word in their action or doctrine, in order that the Church of Jesus Christ might be a pure bride for Him.***

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## 2. What is the purpose of Church Discipline?

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***Jesus desires a pure Bride.***

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**Titus 2:14**

**“Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous for good works.”**

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***It can be argued that the entire purpose of God in all of creation is to get a pure bride for His Son.***

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## 3. How Does Church Discipline Accomplish The Goal Of Purifying Christ's Bride?

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***Church Discipline affirms the Word of God as both the standard of Purity and the instrument of Purity for Christ's Bride.***

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

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Romans 8:5-8

“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace. Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”

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## John 17

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Ephesians 5:26-27

“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

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***Man’s doctrine or tradition should never be the standard, only God’s Word, the Bible.***

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***Purity of the Body of Christ***

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***Deterrent for other church members.***

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***Reconciliation of the Sinner to God.***

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**4. Church Discipline is a Divine command with Divine Authority.**

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***If we neglect to deal with sin, than we are in direct disobedience to God.***

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***If we neglect to deal with sin in the church the result will be that it will spread and take hold of MANY OTHERS.***

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## **5. Church Discipline Is An Act Of Love.**

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**John 14:15**  
***“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”***

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***“Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?”***

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***There are those that believe that church discipline is too harsh and not LOVING. This is to pit discipline against love as if they are opposites. They are not. True love disciplines and hatred does not.***

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**Proverbs 13:24**  
***“He that spareth the rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.”***

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**Hebrews 12:6**  
***“For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.”***

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***True love disciplines in a way that is painful to the one receiving it.***

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**Proverbs 19:18**  
“Chasten thy son while  
there is hope, and spare  
not for his crying.”

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**Proverbs 23:13-14**  
“Withhold not correction from the  
child: for if thou beat him with  
the rod, he shall not die. Thou  
shalt beat him with the rod, and  
shalt deliver his soul from hell.”

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***What is accountability  
without consequence?***

***VAIN***

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**6. Examples  
throughout the Bible.**

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- a. Achan (stealing)*
- b. Phinehas (Sexual Immorality)*
- c. Annanias & Saphira (Hypocrisy and Lying)*
- d. 1 Cor. 5 (Sexual Immorality)*
- e. Hymenaeus & Alexander (Blasphemy)*
- f. Jezebel (False Teaching)*

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