

Redemptive Community

Matthew 18:16

Church Discipline

- If he will not listen,
 - take one or two others
 - so that
 - every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Church Discipline

- Deuteronomy 19:15
 - One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense...
 - A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Church Discipline

- Involve other people if necessary.
- Establish the truth.

Church Discipline

- If he refuses to listen to them,
 - tell it to the church.
 - body of believers

Church Discipline

- Galatians 6:1-5
 - You who are spiritual should restore others gently.
 - Carry each other's burdens.
 - Remain humble.
 - Test your own actions.

Corrective Measures

- If he refuses to listen even to the church,
 - treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.
 - unredeemed
 - outside the community

Corrective Measures

- Do not allow the individual to continue to participate in the fellowship of the community.
 - The result of sin is broken fellowship.

Corrective Measures

- Continue to show compassion and call them to repentance.

Corrective Measures

- If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter...
 - Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed.
 - Yet do not regard him as an enemy,
 - but warn him as a brother.

- 2 Thess. 3:14-15

Corrective Measures

- 1 Corinthians 5:1-13
 - When you are assembled...in the name of the Lord Jesus...and the power of the Lord Jesus is present
 - hand this man over to Satan
 - so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.

Corrective Measures

- 1 Corinthians 5:1-13
 - I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler.
 - With such a man do not even eat.

Corrective Measures

- 2 Corinthians 2:5-11
 - If anyone has caused grief...he has grieved all of you.
 - The punishment inflicted by the majority is sufficient for him.
 - forgive and comfort him
 - reaffirm your love for him.

Corrective Measures

- 2 Corinthians 2:5-11
 - If you forgive anyone...
 - I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake...

Spiritual Authority

- whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven
- whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven

Spiritual Authority

- if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for,
 - it will be done for you
- where two or three come together in my name,
 - there am I with them

Spiritual Authority

- Spiritual authority to deal with sin lies within the body of believers.
- We are assured of Christ's abiding presence as we make righteous judgments.

Redemptive Community

- Come together to establish truth and restore those who sin.
- If necessary, withdraw fellowship and await repentance.
- Lovingly exercise the authority of Christ.