

The Christ-likeness of Restoration through Discipline

Matthew 18:15-20

INTRODUCTION:

Sin in the life of a brother allows the church to demonstrate the heart of Christ to restore the brother and/or the church to holiness through discipline.

5 elements of church discipline:

1. The private confrontation of discipline, 18:15. (Step 1)
2. The private conference of discipline, 18:16. (Step 2)
3. The public communication of discipline, 18:17a. (Step 3)
4. The public ex-communication of discipline, 18:17b. (Step 4)

Other NT passages to consider:

Romans 16:17-18; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 (2 Corinthians 2:5-8); 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15; 1 Timothy 1:18-20; Titus 3:10-11; 3 John 9-10.

5. The promised comforts in discipline, 18:18-20.