

**Caring for Each Other in the Body of Christ, part 5:
Your Role in Church Discipline
Matthew 18:15-20**

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Introduction:

Caring for Each Other Series:

1. Ephesians 4:16
Your Part in the Health and Growth of the Church
2. Hebrews 10:23-27
Your Place as Your Brother's Keeper
3. Galatians 6:1-3
Your Heart for Spiritual Restoration
4. 2Timothy 2:24-26
Your Character for Church Challenges
5. Matthew 18:15-20
Your Role in Church Discipline
6. 2Corinthians 2:5-11
Your Role in Discipline Restoration
7. Titus 3:10-11
Your Role in Diffusing Factions

Jesus gave to the church a process by which to pursue wayward Christians. Let us examine the practice of church discipline through the activities of three concerned parties:

I. The church's procedure (18:15-17)

1. private reproof (18:15)¹

¹ These names for the procedural steps come from J. Carl Laney, *BibSac* 143, 1986.

2. **private conference** (18:16)

3. **public announcement** (18:17a)

4. **public exclusion** (18:17b)

II. **Heaven's endorsement (18:18)**

III. **Jesus' presence (18:19-20)**