

‘Church Discipline’

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**The main long term Purpose for
Discipline is to develop Self
Discipline.**

(Romans 8:12-19 - talks about it)

Self Discipline is the control or regulation of yourself for personal reasons, or to submit our will to the will of another.

**Church Discipline is needed or
the (undisciplined issues) will
spread through the church.**

**The first reason for Discipline
is for the persons benefit.**

**The second reason is to produce
Disciples.**

**Disciples are the ones who take
the gospel / message out
of the church to the world.**

Even society thinks there is a place for church discipline.

Examples:

(1) Catholic Church and priests abusing children.

(2) The minister, or treasurer who embezzles money.

(3) The minister or board member who's in an affair / adultery.

Scripturally there is a place for church discipline.

**1 Timothy 1:18-20; 1 Cor.
5:4-7; Matthew 18:15-20**

- when people are in sin, it will affect the rest of the body if they refuse to repent.**
- At that point, church discipline is necessary, or the problem will spread through the church.**

(#9)

1 Timothy 1:18-20 (NKJV)

[18] This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, [19] having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, [20] of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

> “They may learn” > “Discipline - (#3811)

1 Corinthians 5:4-7 (NKJV)

[4] In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, [5] deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 5:4-7 (NKJV)

[6] Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? [7] Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Don't Miss this:

One aspect of Illegitimate Son

Discipline:

God's Discipline is when God withholds the power of His Kingdom, and allows us to be affected by the power of the Devil's Kingdom.

**> It is precipitated because of us
refusing to deal with our sin.**

1 Timothy 1:20 (AMP)

[20] Among them are

Hymenaeus and Alexander,

whom I have delivered to Satan

in order that they may be

disciplined [by punishment and

learn] not to blaspheme.

2 Timothy 2:17-18 (NIV)

[17] Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are

Hymenaeus and Philetus, [18] who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.

Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

[15] “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. [16] But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ [17] If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

[18] “I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. [19] “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. [20] For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

(#10)

2 Timothy 2:25 (NKJV)

**[25] in humility correcting (KJV -
“instructing”) (this is #3811 -**

**Disciplining) those who are in
opposition, if God perhaps will
grant them repentance, so that they
may know the truth,**

2 Timothy 2:25-26 (AMP)

[25] He must correct his opponents with courtesy and gentleness, in the hope that God may grant that they will repent and come to know the Truth [that they will perceive and recognize and become accurately acquainted with and acknowledge it], [26] And that they may come to their senses [and] escape out of the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him, [henceforth] to do His [God's] will.

2 Timothy 2:22-26 (NIV)

[22] Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

[23] Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. [24] And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

[25] Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, [26] and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

2 Timothy 4:2 (AMP)

[2] Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.

(G2008) - “Rebuke “
from 1909 and 5091; to tax upon, i.e.
censure or admonish;
by implication, forbid:--(straitly) charge,
rebuke.

Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)

[17] Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Revelation 2:1-7 (NIV)

[1] “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands:

- > Seven stars: the angels/messengers of the 7 churches**
- > Seven lampstands: are the 7 churches.**
(Rev. 1:20)

[2] I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. [3] You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

[4] Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.

[5] Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. [6] But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

[7] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

**Remember: Typically in Discipline,
forward progress is stopped.**

**In Punishment, things are taken away
or lost/removed.**

Revelation 2:12-16 (NIV)

[12] “To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. [13] I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

[14] Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. [15] Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. [16] Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Revelation 2:18-23 (NIV)

[18] “To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. [19] I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

[20] Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.

[21] I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. [22] So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. [23] I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

Revelation 3:1-3 (NIV)

[1] “To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. [2] Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. [3] Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Revelation 3:14-22 (NIV)

[14] “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. [15] I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! [16] So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”

[17] You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. [18] I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

[19] Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline.
So be earnest, and repent. [20] Here I am! I stand
at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice
and opens the door, I will come in and
eat with him, and he with me.

[21] To him who overcomes, I will give the right
to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame
and sat down with my Father
on his throne. [22] He who has an ear, let him
hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”