

# **‘What Is Church Discipline – Part 3’**

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# Hebrews 12:5-8 (NIV)

**[5] And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, [6] because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.” [7] Endure [hardship as] discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?**

**[8] If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. [9] Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!**

# Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

[1] Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

**Hebrews 12:4 (NIV)**

**[4] In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.**

# Hebrews 12:10 (NIV)

[10] Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.

# Revelation 3:19 (NIV)

[19] Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

**(#11)**

**Titus 2:11-12 (NKJV)**

**[11] For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, [12] teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,**



# **Titus 2:12 (AMP)**

**[12] It has trained us to reject and renounce all ungodliness (irreligion) and worldly (passionate) desires, to live discreet (temperate, self-controlled), upright, devout (spiritually whole) lives in this present world,**

**(#12 & 13)**

**Hebrews 12:6-7 (NKJV)**

**[6] For whom the LORD loves  
He chastens, And scourges  
every son whom He  
receives.”**

**[7] If you endure chastening (#3809), God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?**

**(#14 & #15)**

**Hebrews 12:10 (NKJV)**

**[10] For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.**

# Hebrews 12:10 (AMP)

[10] For [our earthly fathers] disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them; but He disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness.

**(#16)**

**Revelation 3:19 (NKJV)**

**[19] “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.**

- **“Rebuke” is #1651 > Same word used for conviction in John 16:8.**

# Revelation 3:19 (AMP)

[19] Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude]. [Pr 3:12.]

# Revelation 3:14-16 (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.



# Jesus' Examples

# **INSTRUCTION.**

## **Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)**

**[9] As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.**

**[10] While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples.**

**[11] When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?” [12] On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. [13] But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”**

# **CORRECTION.**

## **Matthew 12:1-4 (NIV)**

**[1] At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. [2] When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.”**

**[3] He answered, “Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? [4] He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread— which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests.**

# **CORRECTION.**

## **Matthew 12:22-32 (NIV)**

**[22] Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. [23] All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"**

**[24] But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.” [25] Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. [26] If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?”**

**[27] And if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. [28] But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.**

**[29] “Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strongman? Then he can rob his house.**



**[30] “He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. [31] And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. [32] Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.**

# DISCIPLINE.

## Matthew 12:33-37 (NIV)

[33] “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. [34] You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.

**[35] The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. [36] But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. [37] For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."**

# **DISCIPLINE.**

## **Matthew 15:1-14 (NIV)**

**[1] Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked,**

**[2] “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!”**

**[3] Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? [4] For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’ [5] But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, ‘Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a gift devoted to God,’**

**[6] he is not to 'honor his father' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. [7] You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: [8] "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. [9] They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."**

**[10] Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand.**

**[11] What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.'"**

**[12] Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?” [13] He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. [14] Leave them; they are blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”**



# **DISCIPLINE.**

**Matthew 16:1-4 (NIV)**

**[1] The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. [2] He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,'**

**and overcast. You know how to  
interpret the appearance of the sky, but  
you cannot interpret the signs of the  
times. [4] A wicked and adulterous  
generation looks for a miraculous sign,  
but none will be given it except the sign  
of Jonah.” Jesus then left them and  
went away.**

## **DISCIPLINE.**

**Matthew 16:5-6 (NIV)**

**[5] When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread. [6] “Be careful,” Jesus said to them. “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”**

# **Matthew 16:12 (NIV)**

**[12] Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**

# **CORRECTION.**

**Matthew 19:1-6 (NIV)**

**[1] When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. [2] Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.**

**[3] Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?”**

**[4] “Haven't you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ [5] and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? [6] So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”**

# **DISCIPLINE.**

**Matthew 19:7-9 (NIV)**

**[7] “Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?” [8] Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. [9] I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery.”**

## PUNISHMENT.

**Matthew 21:12-16 (NIV)**

**[12] Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. [13] "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.'"**



**[14] The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. [15] But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. [16] "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'?"**

## **DISCIPLINE.**

**Matthew 21:23-46 (NIV)**

**[23] Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”**

**[24] Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. [25] John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or from men?”**

**They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn't you believe him?’ [26] But if we say, ‘From men’— we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”**

**[27] So they answered Jesus, “We don't know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”**

## **BACK TO PUNISHMENT (??)**

**[28] “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons.**

**He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’**

**[29] “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.**

**[30] “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.**

**[31] “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.**

**[32] For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.**



**[33] “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey.**

**[34] When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.**

**[35] “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. [36] Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. [37] Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. [38] “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.’ [39] So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.**

**[40] “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”**

**[41] “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”**

**[42] Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? [43] “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.**

**[44] He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.”**

**[45] When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them.**

**[46] They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.**

# **Matthew 22:15-45 (NIV)**

**[15] Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. [16] They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians.**

**“Teacher,” they said, “we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. [17] Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”**

# **DISCIPLINE OR PUNISHMENT (??)**

**[18] But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me?"**

**[19] Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, [20] and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" [21] "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."**



**[22] When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.**

## CORRECTION.

**[23] That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. [24] “Teacher,” they said, “Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and have children for him. [25] Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother.**

**[26] The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. [27] Finally, the woman died. [28] Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?" [29] Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.**

**[30] At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. [31] But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, [32] ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.” [33] When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.**

## **INSTRUCTION.**

**[34] Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. [35] One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: [36] “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”**

**[37] Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ [40] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”**

## DISCIPLINE.

**[41] While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, [42] “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied. [43] He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says, [44] ““The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.””**

**[45] If then David calls him 'Lord,'**  
**how can he be his son?" [46] No**  
**one could say a word in reply, and**  
**from that day on no one**  
**dared to ask him any more**  
**questions.**



# **Hebrews 12:4 (NIV)**

**[4] In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.**

# Hebrews 12:12-13 (NIV)

**[12] Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.**

**[13] “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.**

# Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV)

[2] Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

[3] Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.