

**Series Title:**

**“Biblical Church Discipline”**

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**Sermon Title:**

**“The Principles of Biblical Church Discipline”**

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**Sermon Text:**

Selected Scriptures

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**I. Biblical Church Discipline Is God’s Plan For Protecting And The**

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*“Even though church discipline is a very difficult area of Bible doctrine to practice, it nevertheless firmly rests upon the divine authority of Scripture!”*

- **Matthew 18:15-18**
- Church discipline is one of the primary means that the Lord has ordained for bringing about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of His erring children.

*“Church discipline may be broadly defined as the confrontive and corrective measures taken by an individual, church leaders, or the congregation regarding a matter of sin in the life of a believer.”*  
*(Carl Laney)*

- **Romans 16:17-18; I Corinthians 5:1-7; Galatians 6:1-2; I Thessalonians 5:14; II Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15; I Timothy 5:20; Titus 3:10**
- There can really only be two reasons for rejecting this biblical teaching: **1)** \_\_\_\_\_;  
**2)** an \_\_\_\_\_ to obey what God’s Word says.
- **The Bible gives a number of reasons as to why discipline is so vital:**

**A. Church discipline**

- *Christ has graciously given His church a system of discipline which is intended to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!*

**B. Church discipline (Matthew 18:15-20)**

- *What are the three promises that Jesus offers those who practice Matthew 18?*

C. Church discipline

- o *I Corinthians 5:6; Galatians 5:9, I Peter 1:13-16; 2:9-12*

D. Church discipline

*(I Timothy 5:20)*

- o Undoubtedly many believers have had their lives \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ because of the willingness of the church to publicly confront it!

E. Church discipline

- o *Matthew 18:15; I Corinthians 5:5; Galatians 6:1*

II. Biblical Church Discipline Is The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The \_\_\_\_\_

- **When dealing with sin in the church, there are two types of discipline to consider:** 1) The discipline that is exercised directly by \_\_\_\_\_ as He deals with believers. (*Hebrews 12:5-8*); 2) The discipline that has been entrusted to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Matthew 18:15-18; I Corinthians 5:1-8; II Thessalonians 3:6*

*With \_\_\_\_\_ comes \_\_\_\_\_!*

- The fact that this teaching is so foreign in so many churches explains why it is that Christians often claim an enormous zone of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!
- **A church that fails to exercise discipline experiences four losses:**
  - 1) *The loss of* \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) *The loss of* \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) *The loss of* \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) *The loss of* \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:**

*Brethren, it is high time that we awake out of sleep and resolve by His grace that we will exercise restorative church discipline to the praise of His glory and the good of His church!*

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.