

Church Discipline – Who & What

- * The situations that require church discipline are varied and must be carefully evaluated.
The person must be
- a professing believer
 - associated with the church disciplining
 - knowingly and defiantly disobedient
 - defying the clear commands of Scripture (1 Co 6:9-10; Ga 5:19-21; Eph 4:25-5:6; 1 Ti 1:9-10; 2 Ti 3:2-5)

I With whom are we to begin the process of church discipline?

- those who are living immorally in the church
- any so-called believer who is
 - = Greek present tense → ongoing, continuous action
 - = anyone who "keeps on being"
 - an immoral person
#4205 πόρνος *pornos*
= one who indulges in unlawful sexual intercourse, a fornicator
 - a covetous person
#4123 πλεονέκτης *pleonektes*
= one eager to have more, greedy
= esp. what belongs to others
 - an idolater
#1496 ειδωλολάτρης *eidololatres*
= a worshipper of false gods or anything other than the true God

- a reviler
#3060 λοιδορος *loidoros*
= a slanderer, a verbal abuser
- a drunkard
- a swindler
#727 ἄρπαξ *harpax*
= an extortioner, robber (1 Cor 5:1-13)
- any brother who leads an unruly life
#814 ἀτάκτως *ataktos* (:6, 11)
= disorderly, out of ranks (soldiers)
= undisciplined, refusing to work (2 Thess 3:6-15)
- a person causing dissensions
#1370 διχοστασία *dichostasia*
= discord, division, separation
- a person causing hindrances
#4625 σκάνδαλον *skandalon*
= one by whom one is entrapped
= a stumbling block, obstacle which causes to sin
→ these work against the unity of the body causing others to be deceived and to sin (Rom 16:17-18)
- a factious person
#141 αίρετικός *hairetikos*
= schismatic, follower of a false doctrine, heretic (Titus 3:10-11)
→ one who is corrupted, turned

2 What are we to do?

- to remove from our midst the immoral one
- to deliver him to Satan for the destruction of his flesh
- not to associate with him
- not to eat with him
- to judge those within the church (1 Cor 5:1-13)
- to keep away from him
- to take special note of that person
#4593 σημειώω *semeioo*
= to pay special attention to for the sake of a future recall and response
- to admonish him
#3560 νουθετέω *noutheteo*
= to warn, to rebuke for a wrong done (2 Thess 3:6-15)
- to keep our eyes on them
#4648 σκοπέω *skopeo*
= to look at, observe, contemplate
- to turn away from them
#1578 ἐκκλίνω *ekklino*
= to keep aloof from, shun (Rom 16:17-18)
- to warn them, and if there is no repentance
- to reject them
#3868 παραιτέομαι *paraiteomai*
= to have nothing to do with (Titus 3:10-11)
- not to receive him or give him a greeting (2 Jn 10-11)