

Standing On The Word

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Lesson Six: Church Discipline

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LESSON VI

Week 6

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

MEMORY VERSE:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12: 1-2)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Whenever there is a body of people there must be ORDER. There must also be rules of ethics. There is no need to establish laws to govern interpersonal relationships for those who abide alone. Law and order is necessary to preserve order, happiness, and good relations between people. When laws are established there needs to be submission to those laws for harmony to be maintained. If the laws are violated, discipline must follow. (Romans 13: 1 - 2; Matthew 5: 25 - 26)
2. These laws should not just be obeyed externally, but also internally so that one may have a clear conscience before God. (Romans 13:5)
3. Therefore, there is need for the "I Will" of every person to be submitted to the "SUPREME WILL," the Will of God. The "Will of God" is expressed in the "Laws of God." The Word of God shows His will as His law and His law as His Will. God's law is king.
4. So, because of the sinfulness of man and the imperfection of believers, there is a NEED for divine discipline in the church.

II. DEFINITION OF THE WORD DISCIPLINE

1. The word discipline is found only one time in the Bible. Yet its definition is basic foundation for Bible teaching.

a. Job 36:10: He openeth also their ear to discipline.

b. Strongs # 4149 - Correction - a place in the desert; "Chastisement"

c. Correction is not punishment. It is correction. If correction is not heeded, then it leads to needed discipline. So, to be corrected does not mean to be punished.

2. Discipline is defined as teaching, learning to discipline.

II. DEFINITION OF THE WORD DISCIPLINE — continued

3. Discipline is defined as training that corrects, molds, or perfects the mental faculties or morals.

4. Discipline is defined as - if unheeded, punishment, to inflict pain or penalty.

5. Discipline is defined as a rule or system of rules which governs conduct or activity.

III. DISCIPLINE IN THE CHURCH BODY

1. I am my brother's keeper. (Galatians 6: 1- 2)

2. It demonstrates that "None of us lives unto himself." (Romans 14: 7 - 8)

3. Sometimes someone will tell you to mind your own business and keep your nose out of theirs. The fact is that your brother is your business as being members of God's family (Romans 14:8).

IV. PRIMARY PURPOSES OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE

1. To MATURE a Body of Believers

unto maturity -- "be no more children"

(Ephesians 4: 12 - 16; I Corinthians 3:1)

2. To PROVE that the leaders love and care

"...that our care for you...might appear..."

(II Corinthians 7:12)

3. To INTENSIFY self-examination in the church.

"...what carefulness...what clearing...what fear..."

(II Corinthians 7:11)

4. To AFFIRM obedience to God's Authority

"...whether ye be obedient in all things"

(II Corinthians 2:9)

5. To PURIFY the spirit and message of the church.

"... A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump"

(I Corinthians 5:6)

6. To DESTROY fleshly lusts in a believer

"...deliver...unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh..."

(I Corinthians 5:5)

7. To CONFIRM individual responsibility for one another.

IV. PRIMARY PURPOSES OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE — continued

8. To DENY Satan any advantage in the church

"Less Satan should get an advantage of us..."

(II Corinthians 2:11)

9. to PROTECT Scripture from perversion and error.

"...deceivers...whose mouths must be stopped."

(Titus 1:10-11)

10. To RESTORE repentant believers.

"...forgive him, and comfort him... comfort your love..."

(II Corinthians 2: 7 - 10)

11. To CUT EMOTIONAL TIES with UNREPENTANT Christians,

"...not to keep company..."

(I Corinthians 5:11; I Samuel 16:1)

V. THE NECESSITY OF DISCIPLINE

As a natural family, there must also be discipline in the spiritual family, discipline is needed for the following reasons:

1. Discipline is basically designed to make order and happiness possible. Without it there would be lawlessness and anarchy.

a) When there was "no king in the land - when there was no law, no order, no government or structure, the people did what they wanted to do and what they felt like doing, which always led to destruction" (Judges 18:1; 19:1; 21:25).

2. Discipline introduces the principles of submission. My will submitted to or crossing the will of God (cross affect).

3. Selfishness or self-will brings destruction and misery in any home. Even God's home. (Isaiah 14: 12 - 14).

4. Discipline exercised in love gives an individual and a congregation a sense of security.

5. Discipline is needed to uphold the moral standards of God's Word. Maintaining the holiness of God in the church.

6. Discipline guides the immature. Stabilizes the weak and causes people to come to maturity in the Lord.

REVERENCE FOR THE TEMPLE

To have reverence for the Temple (Church), we must understand what the church is the importance of the purpose of it. If we do not have understanding of the purpose, we will abuse it.

I. WHAT IS CHURCH

A.

The word Church means "the called out." We as people who have been saved are "the called out," the chosen of the Lord.

1. The "Called out" come together in a collective gathering at an appointed time and place. Here we put the name "church" as the name where the "called out" gather.
2. In reality, we individuals who are saved are the called out, the church. The New Testament Church is revealed as The Body of Christ composed of all nations of people who are saved (Acts 2).

B.

The congregation means convocation - assembly.

1. Numbers 10:7 - the congregation was gathered by the trumpets; a summons.
 - a) Psalm 22:22 - In the midst of the congregation
 - b) Psalm 35:18 - Give thanks in the congregation
 - c) Psalm 149:1 - Praise Him in the congregation of the saints

2. Israel was called together out of their tents and homes to the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation. That was the church, the assembly.
3. The church is the "called out," the congregation is the "called out" to assemble together.
4. Now in this place of gathering, God has chosen to place His name, His presence, His Spirit to bless, heal, give insight, give salvation. Here God chose to meet His people (collectively).
5. In your private time with Him, He meets you privately through prayer, the Word, Praise and love. In the congregation, time of assembling, He meets us together as a Governor - Shepherd - Leader.

II. WHY REVERENCE THE TEMPLE

A.

It is a place God has chosen for assembly. It is a place where God has placed you in His universal Body.

REVERENCE FOR THE TEMPLE

II. WHY REVERENCE THE TEMPLE — continued

- B. To reverence the place is to reverence God. To give non-reverence to the place is to give non-reverence to God.
- C. If you love and respect God, you will love and respect His people and His place.
- D. You love your home. Would you disrespect your home by letting it be in any kind of order or shape? Would you allow family, friends or visitors to come to your home and disrespect it?

III. WAYS TO DISRESPECT THE TEMPLE

- A. Once services begins or order is called for, you continue to talk and/or walk around.

1. Once service is called to order, understand the presence of God is "not coming" the presence of God is already there. When you get to church, the presence of God is already present.

B. If a person wants to talk to you after order has been called, please quietly advise the person this conversation will pick up "after service."

C. Remember noise may cause the person next to you not to hear what the Spirit is saying to them.

D. In a collective gathering, God speaks to his assembled people the Holy Spirit speaks directly to each person concerning what that person needs to hear. Example: You hear what the minister is saying, what he is saying does not affect you, so you began to move or talk. The distraction or noise may and (does) cause the person next to you to miss what is being said and what is being said is ministering to him or her directly. THEY MISS OUT because of your non-reverence to the temple.

E. When the Holy Spirit begins to minister under the anointing of song, tongues, and the Word -- Be sensitive.

F. After the sermon, ministry begins.

REVERENCE FOR THE TEMPLE

G. We are the temple. We are the body of Christ.