

The Lord's 4 Step Process for the Disobedient Redeemed

Matthew 18

Hebrews 12:4-11 4 You **have not yet resisted** to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; 5 and **you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,**

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reproved by Him;

Point 1: we are to resist and strive against sin:

Point 2. They had **forgotten the exhortation** which is addressed to them as sons.

6 **For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines,**
And He scourges every son whom He receives."

scourges – to chastise

7 **It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons;** for what **son** is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 But if you are without discipline, of which **all have become partakers,** then you are **illegitimate children and not sons.**

NO DISCIPLINE = NO SONSHIP

9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to **discipline us**, and we **respected them**; shall we not much rather **be subject** to the Father of spirits, **and live?**

10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, **but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.**

11 **All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards** it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Revelation 3:19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

Goals in teaching this:

- 1. The person/s involved are motivated to repent from their continued practicing of sin.*
- 2. They - the persons involved, are assured of a fair and transparent process throughout the procedure.*
- 3. That they receive every opportunity to discuss with leadership and the brethren their defense of any alleged sin.*
- 4. That we all have a detailed teaching on the subject for future reference.*

There are 4 main phases of this Confrontation that we will go through today:

PHASE ONE: where the brother/sister addresses the sin on a “one to one” basis.

PHASE TWO: where it is escalated to other brethren in the Assembly to get involved.

PHASE THREE: a further escalation where the whole Assembly now gets involved.

PHASE FOUR: the exclusion of the person/s from our lives and the Assembly.

Matthew 18:15-22

PHASE ONE: where the brother/sister addresses the sin on a “one to one” basis.

15 **“If your brother sins, go and show him his fault **in private**; IF he listens to you, you have won your brother.**

PHASE TWO: where it is escalated to other brethren in the Assembly to get involved.

16 **But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the **mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed.****

PHASE THREE: 17a: a further escalation where the whole Assembly now gets involved.

PHASE FOUR: 17b: the exclusion of the person/s from **our lives** and **the Assembly**.

17 If he refuses to listen to them, **tell it to the church;** and if **he refuses to listen even to the church,**

.....let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

18 Truly I say to **you**, whatever you **bind** on earth **shall** have been **bound** in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

***You** = the brethren involved*

***Shall** - future imperfect, it will happen in the future*

***Bind** – forbidden to be in the assembly*

1 Corinthians 5: 1 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. 2 **You have become arrogant** and have not **mourned** instead, **so that** the one who had done this deed **would be removed from your midst.**

3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, **have already judged him who has so committed this**, as though I were present. 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 **Your boasting is not good.** Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?

7 **Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump**, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

8 Therefore let us celebrate the feast, **not with old leaven**, nor with the leaven of **malice and wickedness**, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote you in my letter **not to associate with immoral people**; 10 **I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world**, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. 11 **But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother** if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—**not even to eat with such a one.**

12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? **Do you not judge those who are within the church?** 13 But those who are outside, **God judges.** **Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.**

Matthew 18:19 **"Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.**

20 For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

21 Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus *said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

1 Corinthians 15:33-34 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." 34 Become sober-minded as you ought, **and stop sinning;** for some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.

Hebrews 6:4-8 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,

5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

7 For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, **receives a blessing**

from God; 8 but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, **and it ends up being burned.**

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 2:15-16 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; **for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.**

John 3:20-21 For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 But he who **practices**

the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

2 John 1:8-9 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. 9 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

Please Read: Galatians 6:1-8

1 Timothy 5:20-21 Those who **continue in sin**, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also **will be fearful of sinning**. 21 **I solemnly charge** you in the presence of **God** and of **Christ Jesus** and of **His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality.**

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