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The church

Our families

Ourselves

Lesson 1

What is discipline?

- Our attitude towards church discipline?
 - We should want to know and understand God's plan and then follow it
 - Luke 6:46; John 14:15
 - Col 3:17; 1 Pet 4:11
 - What's it worth to you? – Mark 10:17-27

• Is discipline necessary in our lives?

- Children
- Work
- Personal
- Local Law
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What does God say?

Judges 21:25 – Life in general

2 Pet 1:5-11 – Personal

Prov 13:24 – Children/Home

2 Tim 3:16-17 – Godliness

1 Thess 5:14 – To warn the unruly

2 Thess 3:6-15 – Withdraw from
disorderly Christians



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Principles to consider

- There must be laws, rules or policies

- There must be instruction of the laws, rules or policies

- There must be some penalty or consequence for violation of the rules

• Defining Discipline...(AHD noun)

- Training expected to produce a specific character or pattern of behavior, especially training that produces moral or mental improvement
 - Control obtained by enforcing compliance or order: military discipline
 - Controlled behavior resulting from disciplinary training; self-control
 - A state of order based on submission to rules and authority: a teacher who demanded discipline in the classroom
- Punishment intended to correct or train
- A set of rules or methods, as those regulating the practice of a church or monastic order
- A branch of knowledge or teaching

- **Defining Discipline...(AHD verb)**
- To train by instruction and practice, as in following rules or developing self-control
- To punish in order to gain control or enforce obedience
- To impose order on: needed to discipline their study habits

Discipline includes
Training, Instruction, Teaching,
Punishment, Rules

• Use of the word discipline in scriptures

- Prov 3:11-12
- Prov 13:24
- Prov 23:13
- 2 Tim 3:16-17

(H4148) Discipline,
instruction, correction,
chasten, chastisement

All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

- Two forms of discipline, Instructive and corrective
 - Instructive – To teach, to guide, encourage (nobody has done anything wrong at this point)
 - Titus 2:11-12
 - 2 Tim 3:16-17

- Two forms of discipline, Instructive and corrective
 - Corrective – To correct, warn, rebuke, punish (someone has done something wrong and will also need more instructive to follow the corrective)
 - Prov 22:15
 - Rom 13:1-7
 - Matt 18:15-17
 - Rom 16:17; 1 Cor 5; 2 Thess 3



- **Purpose of Church Discipline**

- To teach/instruct us
- To guide us on the straight and narrow
- To correct/restore us when we error from the truth

The purpose of Church discipline all comes down to one word: **TRUTH**

- How is discipline carried out?
 - Public and private instruction and exhortation – Paul taught both ways, Acts 20:6-7, 20; Gal 6:1; 2 Tim 2:2
 - Private rebuke and admonition – Matt 18:15-17; Luke 17:3
 - Public rebuke – Gal 2:11-14; 1 Tim 5:20
 - Social rejection – Rom 16:17; Titus 3:10; 2 Jn 9-11

Lesson 1 Conclusion

- We are studying this because we desire to know and understand and follow Gods plan
- We need discipline in our lives
- Church Discipline does not always mean to withdraw from the disorderly
- Spiritual discipline is simply teaching and instructing us in Gods word and His ways, and correcting us when we go astray from the truth
- There is a way to carry out Gods plan for Church Discipline. So let's seek His ways to do this