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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
- Discipline is carried out in two ways, instructive and corrective
- 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



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• What is discipline?

- The whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment) It also includes the training and care of the body
 - To be instructed or taught or learn; to cause one to learn
 - To chastise with blows; of a father punishing his son
- To chastise or castigate with words, to correct
 - Of those who are moulding the character of others by reproof and admonition
- An admonishing (to warn, exhort, caution or reprove gently) or calling to soundness of mind, to moderation and self-control



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Lesson 2

Personal Offenses



• Personal vs Public Offenses

- Personal offense is not public, it's personal
- Personal offense is when one person sins against another
- Public offense is a sin that's not personal
- Public offense is not a sin between you another person but is a sin committed in a public manor such as forsaking the assembly, adultery or drinking of alcohol

- Matthew 18:1-14
 - What's our natural response when someone does something wrong to us?
 - What does it mean to despise others?
 - To think against, disteem, Literally to think down on with the assumption of superiority. To have contempt for another

- Matthew 18:15-17
 - What are some examples of sins against another person?
 - Gossip
 - Lying
 - Outburst of anger
 - Unforgiveness

- Matthew 18:15-17
 - Who committed the sin?
 - Your brother against you
 - Is the sin in this context public or private?
 - Private
 - What is the instruction for the one who has been sinned against?
 - Go to him in private and reprove him

- Matthew 18:15-17
 - What should we not do?
 - Make it public
 - Go to others first
 - Despise them
 - Does the context of verses 15-17 support instructions for handling a public offense?
 - The instructions are specific to private offenses, so no!

- Matthew 18:15-17 – There are three approaches to handling a personal offense
 - 1st approach vs 15
 - The offended goes to the offender
 - Inform him of his sin against you
 - This is an attempt to keep the matter private since it is between you and him
 - If he listens, you have won your brother

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- Why are we supposed to do this?
 - Not because they upset us or hurt our feelings but because of our love for them and their salvation.
 - They sinned, meaning what?
 - They are separated from God and are eternally lost if not restored –
Acts 8:17-24

- Matthew 18:15-17 – There are three approaches to handling a personal offense
 - 2nd approach vs 16
 - If he will not hear or listen to you, take one or two more with you
 - Why take more? So that by the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses, every word may be established
 - The witnesses are to speak to the offender and try to get him to see his error
 - If he listens to them, you have won your brother