



Saving...

“A study of church
discipline”

The erring


The church

Our families

Ourselves

Last Weeks Conclusion

- Personal offense is not a public one
- Public offense is a sin that's not between you and another person
- We should not despise someone who sins against us, but love them and want to help them, 1 thess 5:15
- We should not make public a sin committed against us
- We must GO to the person who sins against us
- If he won't listen to you then we must take one or two more and try to restore him



Lesson 2

Personal Offenses

Continued...

- Matthew 18:15-17 – There are three approaches to handling a personal offense (when one sins against you)
 - 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

- Matthew 18:15-17 – There are three approaches to handling a personal offense (when one sins against you)
 - 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

- Matthew 18:15-17 – There are three approaches to handling a personal offense (when one sins against you)
 - 3rd approach vs 17
 - If he will not hear or listen to the two or three of you...
 - Tell it to the church
 - Even at this point, withdrawing from them isn't happening yet, but we are to warn them of it
 - 1 Thess 5:14; Gal 6:1 - Warn them/restore them

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 - 3rd approach vs 17 - Tell it to the church
 - The church is to inform him of the situation (withdrawal) if he doesn't repent (this message comes from the church not the individual) Eph 5:11; 1 Cor 5:5-13
 - Don't delay in trying to restore them – Ecc 8:11

Matthew 18:15-17

After all efforts have been made to restore the erring brother, we are to withdraw ourselves from him

(2 Thess 3:6)

When a brother sins against you

Go to him privately

No

If no repentance, take 1 or 2 more to restore him

No

If no repentance tell it to the church

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

If he repents, you've won your brother

If he still refuses to repent, withdraw yourselves from him

When a brother sins against you

Seriousness of sin – Ecc 8:11

Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.

If he still refuses to repent, withdraw yourselves from him