# Saving...

"A study of church discipline"

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## Does it apply to family?

- Consider these verses...
  - Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord
  - Prov 16:25 There is a way that seems right
  - Luke 14:26 Must love the Lord more than family
  - 1 Tim 5:21, Acts 10:34 God does not show partiality
  - 2 Thess 3:6 Withdraw from the disorderly

# Does it apply to family?

- Family Obligations
  - 1 Cor 7:3-5 Married couples have responsibilities to each other they must fulfill
  - 1 Tim 5:8 − We are to provide for our family
  - Eph 6:1-4 We must train our young children.
    Honor our parents
  - 1 Tim 5:4 Care for our parents

## Can we withdraw from the withdrawn?

- Can the church withdraw from those who have withdrawn themselves?
  - Why have they withdrawn themselves?
    - Relocate to new area
    - No longer interested in serving God
    - Disagree with the brethren, they start another congregation

### Can we withdraw from the withdrawn?

- They have withdrawn themselves
  - The church has a responsibility to withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the traditions of the Apostles - 2 Thess 3:6
    - We are not extending our fellowship with them any longer
    - We are not to socialize or keep company with them
  - Purpose of withdrawing ourselves
    - 2 Thess 3:14-15 Put to shame
    - 1 Cor 5:5 His spirit may be saved
    - 1 Cor 5:6-7 Maintain the purity of the church

### Can we withdraw from the withdrawn?

- They have withdrawn themselves
  - That's fine, they've let us know they are leaving and don't intend to return
  - This doesn't mean the church has no further obligation to them
    - If they are walking disorderly, then we must withdraw ourselves and keep no company with them in order to shame and save them
    - 2 Thess 3:15 We are to admonish them, tell them where things stand and encourage them to change
    - The church needs to be in this together for it to be most effective