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Correcting someone privately

Part 03

Matthew 18:15-20, ¹⁵ *“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.¹⁸ “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.¹⁹ “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”*

God’s desire for His children here on earth is purity of life.

1 Peter 1:16, “You shall be holy, for I am holy” (quoting

from the old Testament to the New covenant church (Leviticus 11:44).

The theme of the chapter is about the people of kingdom.

- V 1-4, you will be able to enter the kingdom of God as children
- V 5-9, you will be protected like children in the Kingdom of God
- V10-14, you will be cared like a child in the Kingdom of God
- V15-20, you will be disciplined like a child in the Kingdom of God
- V 21-35, you will be forgiven like a child in the kingdom of God

I hope you get this clear in your mind as what the Lord Jesus is teaching the church.

Step 1: Go and meet with him one to one and try to win him/her for Christ.

Step 2: Take two or three witnesses so that he can be convicted and convinced to amend his/her ways so that person can won over.

Step 3: Tell the church!

Why Church?

spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Once the sinner repents

2 Corinthians 2:5-8, *But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, but all of you to some extent—not to be too severe. ⁶ This punishment which was inflicted by the majority is sufficient for such a man, ⁷ so that, on the contrary, you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow. ⁸ Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him.*

Revelation 1:13-14, *and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;*

Jesus walking around the midst of the church and looking to purge out any sin. White as snow indicates that Jesus very keen on removing sin from the church.

God uses three methods to purify His church.

1. Word of God

Ephesians 5:26, *that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,*

2. Holy Spirit

Romans 1:4, *and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.*

3. Through the People

Matthew 18:17, ¹⁷ *And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.*

The church will be more like Jesus Christ than when it engages in dealing with sin. An individual will be more like Jesus Christ when he/she is seeking the purity of His Church.

3 John 3:9-10,⁹ *I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us.*¹⁰ *Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church.*

Church discipline is a corporate duty! Before anyone is excommunicated, the whole church must be brought into the process. Only *after* everyone in the church has had an opportunity to try to restore the sinning brother is he eventually put out of the church.

When it comes to believers God wants us to deal within us not to external court among the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:2-3,² *Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?*³ *Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?*⁴ *If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life,*

do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge?

But do remember we ought to do this love

1 John 3:14,¹⁴ *We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.*

1 Peter 1:16, *because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."*

Leviticus 11:45, *For I am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.*

Isaiah 35:8, *A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.*

James 4:8, *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

Again, remember that we ought to keep in mind that we are there to bring him to the Lord.

Galatians 6:1-2, *Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a*