



# Acts 5

(p 1257)



# THE CHALLENGE OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE

## ◆ Discipline

*The practice or methods of teaching and enforcing acceptable patterns of behavior ... punishment designed to teach somebody obedience.*

***INSTRUCTIVE***

***PUNITIVE***



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## ◆ A Biblical Pattern

**Genesis 3:22-24 (p 3)**

*Garden of Eden*

**Genesis 7:17-24 (p 7)**

*The flood*

**Genesis 19:24-28 (p 18)**

*Sodom and Gomorrah*



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## ♦ A Biblical Pattern

**Numbers 25:9 (p 184)**

*Israel in Moab*

**Exodus 35:2 (p 102)**

*The Law of Moses: Sabbath*

**2 Kings 19:35-37 (p 449)**

*Assyria*



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***THIS IS WHAT THE LORD SPOKE,  
SAYING: 'BY THOSE WHO COME  
NEAR ME I MUST BE REGARDED AS  
HOLY; AND BEFORE ALL THE  
PEOPLE I MUST BE GLORIFIED.***

***LEVITICUS 10:3 (P 121)***



# THE EARLY CHURCH

- ◆ **Nature of God**

***Romans 11:22 (p 1305)***

- ◆ **Avoid divisive brethren**

***Romans 16:17-18 (p 1309)***

- ◆ **Sexual immorality**

***1 Corinthians 5 (p 1313)***

- ◆ **Warnings of conduct**

***2 Corinthians 12:20-21 (p 1336)***

- ◆ **Bearing burdens**

***Galatians 6:1-5 (p 1341)***





# THE EARLY CHURCH

- ◆ Do not partake of sin

*Ephesians 5:3-7 (p 1346)*

- ◆ Warn the unruly

*1 Thessalonians 5:14 (p 1359)*

- ◆ Warning against idleness

*2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 (p 1361)*

- ◆ Giving up the faith

*1 Timothy 1:18-20 (p 1362)*



# THE EARLY CHURCH

- ♦ Wanders from the truth

*James 5:19-20 (p 1389)*

- ♦ Purpose of discipline

*Hebrews 12:5-11 (p 1383)*





# KEEPS CHURCH STRONG

- ♦ There can be NO compromise  
*Revelation 2:20 (p 1408)*
- ♦ Purity must be maintained  
*Ephesians 5:27 (p 1347)*
- ♦ Teaches godly sorrow  
*2 Corinthians 7:10-11 (p 1331)*
- ♦ Church discipline is a command  
*2 Thessalonians 3:6 (p 1361)*



# WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE?

***NOW NO CHASTENING SEEMS TO  
BE JOYFUL FOR THE PRESENT, BUT  
PAINFUL; NEVERTHELESS,  
AFTERWARD IT YIELDS THE  
PEACEABLE FRUIT OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS TO THOSE WHO  
HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY IT.***

***HEBREWS 12:11 (P 1383)***



# WHAT ABOUT WHAT WAS NOT DONE IN THE PAST?

***FOR HE SAYS: "IN AN  
ACCEPTABLE TIME I HAVE  
HEARD YOU, AND IN THE DAY  
OF SALVATION I HAVE  
HELPED YOU." BEHOLD, NOW IS  
THE ACCEPTED TIME; BEHOLD,  
NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.***

***2 CORINTHIANS 6:2 (P 1330)***



# WHAT IS THE GOAL OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE

***HE WHO KEEPS THE  
COMMANDMENT KEEPS HIS SOUL,  
BUT HE WHO IS CARELESS OF HIS  
WAYS WILL DIE.***

***PROVERBS 19:16 (P 747)***



# WHAT IS THE GOAL OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE

***BEHOLD, ALL SOULS ARE MINE; THE  
SOUL OF THE FATHER AS WELL AS  
THE SOUL OF THE SON IS MINE; THE  
SOUL WHO SINS SHALL DIE.***

***EZEKIEL 18:4 (P 973)***

And these will go away into  
everlasting punishment, but the  
righteous into eternal life.

*(Matthew 25:46)*