

Devoted to DISCIPLINE — Congregational discipline, Why?

I. *Leviticus 10.1-3; Joshua 6-7, esp. 7.25-26; Acts 5.1-11 —*

- A. God is serious about _____
- B. God cares about _____

II. New Testament teaching regarding congregational discipline —

Matthew 18.15-17 _____

Romans 16.17 _____

1 Corinthians 5 _____

2 Thessalonians 3.6, 14 _____

Titus 3.10 _____

- A. Not the first step in the process... (Matthew 18.15-17; 1 Thessalonians 5.14; Titus 3.10)
- B. But nonetheless an essential part of the Lord's plan for His church.

III. When something is hard, start with the *WHY* —

A. _____
(1 John 1.5-7; 1 Corinthians 5; 2 Corinthians 2.6; 2 Thessalonians 3.14)

- We must check our _____ (1 Thessalonians 5.15; 2 Thessalonians 3.15)

B. _____
(Matthew 18.15-17; 1 Corinthians 5.5; 2 Thessalonians 3.14)

- We must check our _____ (Galatians 6.1; 2 Corinthians 2.6-11)

C. _____
(1 Corinthians 5.6-7; 15.33; Ephesians 5.27)

IV. Conclusion —

A. 1 Corinthians 13.4-7 — *Love* _____

B. *“My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from _____ and will cover a multitude of sins.”* (James 5.19-20)