



Title: Wisdom Concerning the Restoration of an Erring Brother

Text: *James 5:19-20* “Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.”

Pagsasalin: 19 Mga kapatid ko, kung ang sinuman sa inyo ay naliligaw mula sa katotohanan, at siya'y pinapanumbalik ng sinuman, 20 dapat niyang malaman na ang nagpapanumbalik sa isang makasalanan mula sa pagkaligaw sa kanyang landas ay magliligtas ng kaluluwa mula sa kamatayan, at magtatakip ng napakaraming kasalanan.

In the church there is always the possibility of erring (straying) from the truth, and the need for restoration.

Review the list of sins that can lead a brother to err from the truth:

1. Lack of wisdom and failure to pray for wisdom.
2. The double minded man.
3. Not enduring temptation.
4. Not being swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath.
5. Being a hearer of the word but not a doer.
6. Not practicing pure religion (visiting the poor, the widow, keeping of self, unspotted from the world).
7. The sin of respect of person.
8. Faith without works.
9. Be not many masters.
10. Not controlling the tongue.
11. Bitter envying in the heart.
12. Strife.
13. Confusion.
14. Every evil work.
15. Wars and Fightings.
16. Presumptuous sins.
17. Corrupt manner of gaining riches.
18. Lack of a prayer life.

Pastor James is assuming that church members will help the erring brethren.

As church members we are all subject to error – in our hearts and by external forces.

“Truth” is one – the entire truth or word of God.

You either are walking in God’s truth or you are erring from the truth by following your own way – “his way.”

“save a soul” – deliver his soul from judgment of “death” (Divine judgment of God upon erring brethren like Annias and Sapphira or the Corinthian disciples who were killed).

“hide” is similar to “cover” (cf. Ps. 32:1; 85:2; Rom. 4:7).

Pastor James ends his letter demonstrating a pastor’s heart for God’s precious flock.