

A. For the Church v 15 - 20

v 15 The Goal: Reconciliation - *gain thy brother*

The Method: 1. Admonition - *go and tell him his fault* **James 5:16 Rom 15:14**

If a brother stubbornly refuses step (1); then proceed to steps (2) and (3).

v 16 2. Cooperation -

take two or three witnesses = (a) the Brethren and

(b) the Bible **2 Peter 1:20**

v 19 3. Intercession - *two agree on earth* e.g. **Acts 1:14 Gal 6:1**

v 17 The Penalty: Separation - **2 Thessalonians 3:6 & 14**

v 18 Indicates that '*binding and loosing*' has to do with applying the 'word of God' in matters of discipline.

The apostle Paul '*bound*' an offending brother in Corinth. **1 Cor 5**

Paul later '*loosed*' him when he repented. **2 Cor 2:1-11**

This passage on Church Discipline has nothing to do with the destiny of a soul & forgiving sins as erroneously taught by Romanism (RCC) in Catechism # 553 & 1444. [pp 142, 362]

Only GOD can forgive sins !!! Exodus 34:6-7 Job 14:4 Isaiah 43:25 Mark 2:7

B. For the Christian v 21 - 35

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The Unmerciful Servant

v 22 **Daniel 9:24**

1. We are Debtors (v 23-25)

v 23 Accountability: **Matt 25:19** (Romans 14:10)

v 24 1 Talent = 30 pence (Mt 20:2)

v 25 Principle : A Man's Sins Burden His Family - **1 K 22:52 Jer 9:14 Eze 20:18**

K. of Heaven Service Contracts - **Exodus 21:2-3**

2. Christ Forgives our debt (v 26-27)

3. Unmercifulness is Unseemly (v 28-34)

(a) It's Source : our Old Nature - **Rom 1:31 James 2:13**

(b) It's Effect : it causes *sorrow* - v 31

(c) It's Rebuked : Christ enjoins *mercy*, v 32-33 **Pr 11:17**

(d) It's Reward :

4. Practice Forgiveness - **Matt 6:5 Eph 4:30-32**