

The ELEPHANT in the ROOM

Learning how to deal with Sin in your life and in the church family:
Tough Stuff 2015

Introduction

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

1st Step = Changing the _____ of our entire Church

Ephesians 4:16 ...the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love

2nd Step = _____ and _____ you should speak to others about sin...

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

"Where love abounds in a fellowship of Christians, many small offences and even some large ones are readily overlooked and forgotten. But where love is lacking, every word is viewed with suspicion and every action is liable to misunderstanding"

COMMUNION 1 Corinthians 11:17 in giving this instruction, I do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse. 18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you...

Matthew 5:23 ...if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

Matthew 18:15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all transgressions.

Romans 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men

3rd Step = Practice Church Discipline in _____

Matthew 18:15 "If your brother sins [against you], go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. 16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. 17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

#1 Go in private #2 Go with 2-3 witnesses #3 Go to your elders #4 The church separates from them

1 Church discipline is _____

Matthew 18:15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

2 Church discipline is directed against _____ sin

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

3:9 No one who is born of God practices sin, ...

Numbers 15:27 'Also if one person sins unintentionally, then he shall offer a one year old female goat for a sin offering. 28 'The priest shall make atonement before the Lord for the person who goes astray when he sins unintentionally, making atonement for him that he may be forgiven. 29 'You shall have one law for him who does anything unintentionally, for him who is native among the sons of Israel and for the alien who sojourns among them. 30 'But the person who does anything defiantly, whether he is native or an alien, that one is blaspheming the Lord; and that person shall be cut off from among his people. 31 'Because he has despised the word of the Lord and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt will be on him.' "

3 The confronter only desires _____

Revelation 2:4 'But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.

Matthew 3:8 Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance; Acts 26:20b ... they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance. 2 Corinthians 7:11 ...this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

4 The goal of discipline is _____ and _____

Matthew 18 you have won your brother.

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Acts 20:28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 ...be on the alert Romans 16:17 ...brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. 18 For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

5 The type of sin determines the discipline _____ you use

PERSONAL SIN Matthew 18:15 if your brother sins AGAINST YOU Galatians 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

SEXUAL SIN 1 Corinthians 5:11ff But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? 13 But those who are outside, God judges. Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.

LAZINESS AND LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY 2 Thessalonians 3:11 For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread. 13 But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good. 14 If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame. 15 Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

A SINNING ELDER 1 Timothy 5:19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses. 20 Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning.

DIVISIVE Titus 3:10 Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, 11 knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

DISSENSION and HINDRANCE Romans 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. 18 For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

1 God takes sin very _____; so does every Christian

2 Christians _____ sin because they hate it

3 Those who battle sin _____ others who battle sin

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4 Dealing with sin in others requires _____ and love

Confront only defiant sin, make certain a clear verse of scripture is being violated, look only for repentance in their life, strongly desire their restoration, and use the appropriate discipline passage

5 Sin is what diminishes a believer's _____ and influence

6 Sin is what keeps you from _____ and Heaven

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