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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
 "Caring Enough to Correct—Part 1"
 2 Timothy 4:1-5

PM: Brian Mitchell
 "Fleeing Sexual Immorality"
 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Caring Enough to Correct

One of the key factors that has led the church to neglect the study and practice of discipline is the downward spiral in practicing discipline in our society as a whole. As a society: we don't practice self-discipline, we don't practice family discipline, we don't discipline some criminals and we don't discipline the government. We just don't practice discipline as we should in hardly any area of life. Thus, it should not come as any big surprise that we don't practice discipline in the church.

Why must we not neglect church discipline? Because it allows sin to encroach upon the church—weeds in garden. Because we disobey God when we do. Because we give the world reason to criticize the church when we don't care enough about our brethren. And because when we do we allow the opportunity for those persisting in sin to get to the point where they can no longer be brought to repentance. This is just a few of the reasons why the church cannot neglect the practice of discipline.

There are basically 2 kinds of discipline. In the broad sense discipline has reference to far more than just a punitive (punishment) action taken by one party against another. Discipline is "training which corrects, molds, strengthens, or perfects; punishment, chastisement." Thus, discipline includes positive teaching and instruction as well as punishment, all of which is aimed at bringing about a positive change.

First there is Preventive Discipline. This is teaching and instruction given for the express purpose of preventing people from sinning in the first place. This is one of the primary purposes of the Word of God—2 Tim.3:16-17. It is in this kind of discipline that preachers and elders take center stage—this is their job. Preachers are to first and foremost preach the Word so that people will know what God desires of them and what He does not desire of them—2 Tim.4:1-5.

Elders are to shepherd the flock, feed the flock, set a proper example, and watch out for people's souls—Acts 20:28, 1 Pet.5:2, 1 Tim.5:17, Heb.13:17. Preachers and elders who are not constantly devoted to the proclaiming of God's Word to the people they work with, so that they will know how they ought to conduct their lives, are not doing their work and will give an account for it.

The second form of discipline is known as Punitive Discipline (Chastisement). This is action taken after sin has been committed, for the good of the one sinning, and for the purpose of preventing any further sin—2 Cor.2:6-8. Punitive discipline is the last resort option for those who continue to persist in a lifestyle of sin. It is this discipline that must be practiced by the church as a whole or else it loses its effectiveness.

It is this kind of discipline that we will be primarily dealing with over the course of the next few lessons. So discipline is both preventive (trying to prevent sin before the fact) and punitive in nature (chastising after the fact). As we will see, both are necessary if the church is to be healthy and effective.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
 AM Worship: 10:00 am
 PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 79
 Sunday AM: 127
 Sunday PM: 70
 Wednesday PM: 67
 Contribution: \$4387
 Budget: \$4831

Weekly Wisdom

You hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the conspiracies of mankind; You keep them secretly in a shelter from the strife of tongues.

Psalms 31:20

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Jim Green: 05.29
 Ryan Foltz: 05.30

Anniversaries

Brian & Eva Mitchell: 05.28
 Rick & Susan Floyd: 05.29
 Shawn & Trisha Myers: 06.01



Serving This Week

Announcements: Phil Singleton

SUNDAY

Greeters: Charlie & Lesley Kluesner
Ushers: Leonard Fulbright/Kenny Simmons
A/V: Zach Dowdy
Nursery: Eva Mitchell
Lead Singing: Greg Dowdy
Head Lord's Table: Dale Gilliland
Scripture: Christopher Newman
Prayers:
AM: Allen Hedge/Mark Essner
PM: Nick Brown/Eric Craft

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Scott Watson
Devo: Mat Kee
Prayer: Gary Miller

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Scott Spraggs

Worship Organizer: Nate Crowden

Chronological Bible Reading

May 28: Psalms 111-118
May 29: 1 Kings 1-2, Psalm 37, 71, 94
May 30: Psalm 119:1-88
May 31: 1 Kings 3-4, 2 Chronicles 1, Psalm 72
June 1: Psalm 119:89-176
June 2: Song of Solomon 1-8
June 3: Proverbs 1-3

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Allen family	Francis Ivanovich
Ginger Avery	Diana Ivanovich
Esther Beck	Betty Jones
Shannon Birk	Scott Lanpher
Mark Blaylock	Carolyn Neese
Dalton Bryan	Mary Jo Parker
Bill Dillman	Wanda Raper
Newt & Kay Gilliland	Sandra Shell
Jalonda Harris	Susan Seabaugh
Allen & Juanita Hedge	Steve Simmons
Sonny Huskey	Don Tawney
	Chris Weaver

Remember in Prayer

- **Chris Weaver** was admitted to St Francis Hospital on Wednesday evening after her heart stopped for a short time. They are doing several tests to determine the cause of the incident.
- **Iverne Glass** was able to return home on Sunday after a few days in the hospital.
- **Tim Corzine** is continuing to recover well and expects to be moved to inpatient rehab soon.
- **Melissa Brown** is doing well and will see her doctor again on June 6. She hopes to be released to drive again at that time.
- **Brent Newton**, a friend and frequent guest speaker from Jefferson City, had a hemorrhage in his left eye and has lost vision. His doctors expect the vision loss to be temporary, but it will be a long, slow process for recovery.

Updates..

- We will be updating and restarting our "Continuing Prayer Needs" list at the beginning of June. Please contact the office if you have someone listed that can be removed or if they should remain listed. Thank you for helping keep this info up to date.

News & Notes

- **Children's Homes** item of the week: **Scotch/Masking Tape**
- Postcards are available on the entryway table to share and promote our upcoming **Wednesday Summer Series**. Please pick up a bundle today and invite a friend! You may mail the postcards yourself, or drop them back in the office and we'll stamp and mail them for you.
- The **CFS Timothy Campaign** is coming to a close in just a few weeks. Please finish filling your cans and return them to the office by **June 18**. Remember: Your small change can make a big difference for the families and children CFS serves!

Elder/Deacon Selection

- As we continue the process of selecting additional elders and deacons, please pray for wisdom in making decisions. Please also talk with any men you would like to nominate before submitting their names. Names of willing men who meet these qualifications (for elders and deacons) may be submitted to any current deacon now through **Sunday, June 4**.



Celebrate With Our Grads...



- **May 28:** **Hannah Mitchell** party at Cape Co. Park North #4; 1-3pm
- **May 29:** **Katelyn Dowdy** party at Cape Co. Park South #22; 1-4pm

**YOU HIDE THEM IN THE SECRET
 PLACE OF YOUR PRESENCE FROM
 THE SCHEMES OF MEN. YOU
 CONCEAL THEM IN YOUR SHELTER
 FROM ACCUSING TONGUES.**

- PSALM 31:20