

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for October 19, 1986**

**Church Discipline**  
**Matthew 18:15-20**  
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This section of Scripture is like any other. It is God's Word. It cannot be ignored and must be followed.

This passage is spoken before the church is born, so who is it directed to?

**Verse 17:** Uses the word "church" which to the disciples is "called out ones"; those who have chosen to follow the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 5** is a clear example of Paul following this instruction. The purpose of church discipline is to express our love to the Lord, the church and the sinning brother.

The action of the sinning brother dishonors the Lord.

Jesus was not passive about dishonoring His Father's house. **John 2:13**

The Gentile sees the sinning brother and judges the Lord by this.

**1 Corinthians 12:26** describes the church.

The close relationship that exists between the brothers. **Ephesians 4:15-16**

**1 Corinthians 5:6**, the church becomes crippled and diseased by the sinning brothers. Picture the body crippled and diseased. Something must be done about it.

**Verse 15:** The brother in sin is already in broken fellowship by his decision to walk in sin. **Hebrews 12:5-7**