

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for November 2, 1986**

**Church Discipline**  
**Part 3**  
**Matthew 18:15-20**  
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Introduction: Unchecked sin within the church will infect and destroy it to the point where it will not resemble Christ's church.

1. The Fact of Discipline
2. The Purpose of Discipline
3. The Pre-requisite of Discipline
4. The Procedure of Discipline

Before we move toward a brother in sin we must judge ourselves. **Matthew 7:1-5**, It is so easy to see sin in others, but to approach a brother we must have our act together, not be perfect. We are not to judge if we have known sin in our life. It would be an unrighteous judgment to do so. **Galatians 6:1**, Move gently, meekly, humbly to the brother.

Procedure:

A. Go in private and reprove

B. Take one or two more with you. These two or three are to witness the confrontation with the brother. They are not witnesses of the sin. The two to take along would be people with the most influence in the persons life; mother, father, brother, sister or friend.

C. Take it to the church. This is expanding the circle of those involved in trying to restore the brother.

D. If he still refuses to listen then he is separated from, disassociated. **2 Thessalonians 3:15**