

Matt. 18:15-20 Week 54

OOOOOO Brother

Matt. 18:15 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. 16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. 18 "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." NIV

- God's desire for His children here on earth is purity of life and _____ with God.
- The church cannot preach and teach a message it doesn't live out and have any _____ before God, or even before the world.

Rom 7:14 We know that the Law is spiritual; but I am a creature of the flesh [carnal, unspiritual], having been sold into slavery under [the control of] sin. 15 For I do not understand my own actions [I am baffled, bewildered]. I do not practice or accomplish what I wish, but I do the very thing that I loathe [which my moral instinct condemns].

- In many churches where there is no tolerance for sin in _____ (we say we are opposed to sin), there is much tolerance for it in _____.
- When preaching becomes separated from _____, it becomes separated from both integrity, and spiritual and moral _____.
- Divorcing biblical teaching from daily living is _____ of the worst sort.
- Where there is little genuine desire for _____, there will also be little desire to deal with impurity.

What are the steps for confronting a brother?

1. Christian _____ rules.

What is the purpose of going to him?

- We go (or not go) to _____ or to _____, but to help him to get back on course with God and his own beliefs.
- We don't go to fuel a fire of resentment.
- We go to _____ a brother.

2. The second responsibility of a spiritual believer who seeks to restore a fallen brother is to _____ hold him up once he is back on his feet.

- A persistent, oppressing _____ is one of the heaviest burdens a Christian can have.

Gal 6:2 Bear (endure, carry) one another's burdens and troublesome moral faults, and in this way fulfill and observe perfectly the law of Christ (the Messiah) and complete what is lacking [in your obedience to it]. AMP
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- Christians are _____ (present tense) to bear one another's burdens.

3. _____ is the most powerful weapon believers have in conquering sin and opposing Satan.

What if a brother won't listen?

The process and place of discipline:

- First step: _____
- Second step: _____
- Final step: Christian _____ rule

Who is the real brother we need to deal with? It's the brother or sister who lives in the _____.

- Remain _____ to the Spirit of God.
- Be a person of the _____ this next year.
- Be a person who can accept and live above your _____ with a happy heart.
- Let your _____ guide you--not your "thinker" and "feeler".

- Get off this performance based acceptance with others and God and especially me. Do what you do for no other reason than is bring God joy....
- Learn to find your happiness in your own _____and _____just be what you are...
- Make it your desire to be faithful in coming every week so we can learn love and fellowship....we need you here...you're valuable....