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Lessons for Today

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

PM: Brian Mitchell
 "Don't Take Your Brother to Court"
 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

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: 90
 Sunday AM: 129
 Sunday PM: 65
 Wednesday PM: 66
 Contribution: \$4857
 Budget: \$4831

Think on This...

LORD, you are my
 God; I will exalt you
 and praise your name,
 for in perfect
 faithfulness you have
 done wonderful things,
 things planned long
 ago.

Isaiah 25:1

Celebrating This Week...

Birthday

Debra Dexter: 05.11

Anniversaries

Asa & Lindsey
 Campbell: 05.09
 Gary & Jane Miller: 05.09
 Bart & Jera Tuetkin:
 05.09

Serving This Week

Announcements: Phil Singleton

SUNDAY

Greeters: Jeff & Ashlee Garland
Ushers: Patrick Kellett/Justin Simmons
A/V: Phil Swiney
Nursery: Christi Crowden
Lead Singing: Seth Spraggs
Head Lord's Table: David Selvig
Scripture: Lance Kluesner
Prayers:
AM: Gary Ridenour/Murray Dunn
PM: Kevin Bolen/Jeff Garland

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Greg Dowdy
Devo: Randy Seabaugh
Prayer: Jerry Singleton

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Scott Spraggs

Worship Organizer: Nate Crowden

Chronological Bible Reading

May 7: 2 Samuel 7, 1 Chronicles 17
May 8: Psalms 25, 29, 33, 36, 39
May 9: 2 Samuel 8-9, 1 Chronicles 18
May 10: Psalm 50, 53, 60, 75
May 11: 2 Samuel 10, 1 Chronicles 19, Psalm 20
May 12: Psalms 65-67, Psalms 69-70
May 13: 2 Samuel 11-12, 1 Chronicles 20

Continuing Prayer Needs

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

Allen family	Sunny Huskey
Ginger Avery	Francis Ivanovich
Esther Beck	Betty Jones
Shannon Birk	Scott Lanpher
Mark Blaylock	Sid Naramore
Dalton Bryan	Carolyn Neese
Reita Conley	Wanda Raper
Donna Cox	Susan Seabaugh
Bill Dillman	Steve Simmons
Newt & Kay Gilliland	Lee Simpson
Jalonda Harris	Don Tawney
Allen & Juanita Hedge	Chris Weaver

Remember in Prayer

- Kathy Green's niece, **Sandra Shell** had an extensive and delicate surgery on Wednesday to remove a tumor from her brain stem.
- **Chris Weaver** went to the ER with A-Fib on Wednesday but was able to return to Life Care Center later in the day. Please remember her and **Kelly & Trudy** in your prayers as they help make decisions concerning her care.
- **Melissa Brown** is healing well from her recent surgery and has a follow-up appointment on Wednesday. She is hoping to be released to drive.
- **Allen & Juanita Hedge** have been sick at home this week and are not well, but are feeling some better.
- **Jerry Mitchell**, Brian's dad, is continuing to heal from his recent shoulder surgery.
- Susan Seabaugh's sister-in-law, **Martha Riehn** had surgery last week for breast cancer and is doing well.

Congratulations!

- We are excited to announce the birth of Dallas & Sarah Naramore's son, and Sid & Laura's grandson: **Minter Levi Naramore!** Minter was born on Tuesday afternoon weighing 7 lb., 3 oz....Mom, Dad, and everyone else are thrilled and doing great! Congratulations to the entire Naramore family!

News & Notes

- **Children's Homes** item of the week: **Spaghetti O's**
- Ladies: please help us celebrate **Mikayla & Ryan Foltz** and their new baby boy (due in July)! Join us for a shower on **May 7 at 2pm** in the fellowship room. They are registered at Target and Amazon.
- The summer sessions for Bootheel Youth Camp are quickly approaching and many of our kids (and adults!) will be involved. BYC is always in need of additional funding for the activities provided as well as general expenses necessary to run the camp. Info is posted on the bulletin board. See Joy Kaye with questions.

Tornado Relief Supplies

We have some supplies left over in the fellowship room from the relief effort for the Glen Allen tornado that may be given to anyone who needs them.

1 Shovel & Rake	1 Case Work Gloves
5 Cleaning Brushes	12 Cases Spray Bleach
1 Case Masks	2 Cases Non-Perishable Food
1 Case Lg Trash Bags	3 Cases Diapers
	3 Cases Baby Wipes

Upcoming Area Events

- **May 20:** *Finding Happily Ever After* **Marriage Seminar** at Central in Paducah with **Wayne & Tami Roberts**

Youth News & Notes

- Applications are now available for all BYC Sessions for 2023. Pick up a copy and get registered soon!

I WILL PRAISE
YOUR NAME,
FOR YOU HAVE DONE
WONDERFUL THINGS

ISAIAH 25:1