

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

The Love in Discipline

There is a big push in the evangelical world today to extinguish the teachings of some of the Bible by means of other teachings of the Bible.

This is nothing new. If mankind can be said to have excelled at anything, we have excelled in the justification of our actions.

I can understand this approach in the world, and even expect it, but it grieves me to see it in the church. Just this week I read about yet another once faithful minister apologizing for teaching an “offensive” teaching from the Bible.

I’ll be the first to admit that there are times that I am guilty of teaching the right thing the wrong way and need to apologize for the way I’ve taught what I’ve taught. But I emphatically will not apologize for what the Word of God says.

This week, we’ll be looking at a text that is all but disregarded in the church today. Why? Because it deals with the discipline of God’s children.

I hear non-Biblical arguments that sound like this: “Who am I to discipline anyone?” The Bible teaches that if you are a Christian it is your responsibility to take part in the discipline process.

That’s not the only requirement though. The Bible also teaches us that when we correct a fellow believer that it must be done *in a spirit of gentleness* (Galatians 6:1), after we *first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye* (Matthew 7:5), and of course not neglecting to *...treat people the same way you want them to treat you...* (Matthew 7:12).

Those are good starting points before we talk to a brother or sister about their sin, but you will find no scripture that let’s you off of the hook for talking to them.

But some will make the seemingly Biblical argument: “What about that verse that says, ‘*Do not judge so that you will not be judged*’?”

Even in the asking of the question they fail to recognize that immediately after Jesus says that, which is Matthew 7:1, he immediately

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says in verses 2-5, *2 For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and behold, the log is in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.*

We clearly see, when we look at the full context, that Jesus isn’t teaching us to not judge, but rather to be very careful *how* we judge. In warning us he teaches that if we use a harsh judgement, we will receive the same. He then teaches us that before we judge and confront our brother, we should first judge and confront ourselves. And why? So that *...then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.*

The heart of the teaching about Biblical discipline is two-fold, and I will expand upon this teaching in the sermon – one, we practice discipline because we love our brothers and sisters and only want what’s best for them. Two, we practice discipline because God commands His people to be holy, not to be mistaken with happy.

The biggest plus for you and me is that the holier we live, the happier we become. And who doesn’t want that?

Much love,

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A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

A father took his 5-year-old son to several baseball games where The Star-spangled Banner was sung before the start of each game. Then the father and son attended a church on a Sunday shortly before Independence Day. The congregation sang The Star-spangled Banner, and after everyone sat down, the little boy suddenly yelled out, "PLAY BALL!!!"

A Merry Heart Doeth Good!
Proverbs 17:22

PRAYER LIST

Bob Brownlee—fell and is hurting pretty bad. Please Pray for his comfort and healing.

Hailee Moyer—continue prayers for her. She is home and has a long road ahead of her. You can send cards of encouragement to Hailee Moyer, 412 S. F Street, Wellington, KS 67152

Melinda Miller—continue prayers for her healing. She still has some radiation treatments ahead of her. Her address is 14 LaCrumbre Close, Tauranga 3110, New Zealand.

Other on the prayer list: Leon Shoemaker, Russell Day, Kendall Brundage, Shirley Stoner

CARD SHOWER FOR THE WILLEYS

Merle and Sharron Willey will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, March 3. The family would like to shower them with cards. Their address is 661 N. Farmview Rd., Belle Plaine, KS 67013

CARD OF THANKS

To the Church Family, thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls and concerns during my recent heart surgery and recovery. Continue to pray for me as I heal. In Christian Love, Russell Day and family.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Roger Brownlee—1st	Glenda Day—8th
Brianna Bocanegra—9th	Bonnie Tirey—10th
George LeFlore—10th	Kaylee Jenkins—11th
Nathan Bradbury—11th	Shelly Brown—12th
Arley Bennett—16th	Jami Dodds—20th
Arallai Wartick—27th	Larry Helton—27th
Karissa Richmond—30th	

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE

February

Feb 28—Kaylee Jenkins

March

Mar 07—Jill DeJarnett

Mar 21—Helen Norris

April

Apr 04—Sara Bradbury

Apr 18—Linda Wartick

Mar 14—Lynette Turney

Mar 28—Kaylee Jenkins

Apr 11—Lynette Turney

Apr 25—Kaylee Jenkins

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In order to follow Jesus,
You’ll have to unfollow the world.



The Advanced Lessons, Part 6: Discipline
Matthew 18:15-20

Discipline is _____.

Church discipline begins with _____ and your _____.

Don't give _____ for the _____ of _____ to grow.

The Advanced Teaching:

Do as _____ are _____ knowing that _____ agrees.

God's Supreme Purpose in Discipline?

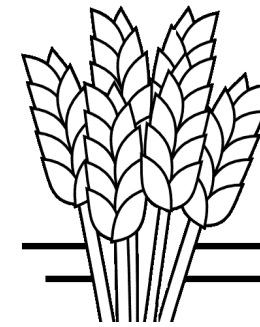
The _____ of _____ people.

Notes:

THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY A.M.	28-Feb 2021	07-Mar 2021	14-Mar 2021
Elder in Charge	M. Kline	E. Newberry	E. Newberry
Opening Prayer	E. Newberry	N. Bradbury	R. Harris
Song Leader	R. Harris	D. Pierce	D. Pierce
Communion Prayer	M. Kline	E. Newberry	T. Norris
Contribution Prayer & Collection	A. Shields J. Willson	L. Turney K. Dodds	L. Turney K. Dodds
Ushers	D. Carroll L. Helton	A. Hines P. Dodds	A. Hines P. Dodds
Closing Prayer	M. Kline	E. Newberry	E. Newberry
Deacon in Charge	A. Hines	L. Lewis	L. Lewis
SUNDAY A.M.	21-Mar 2021	28-Mar 2021	04-Apr 2021
Elder in Charge	E. Newberry	E. Newberry	M. Kline
Opening Prayer	K. Dodds	L. Lewis	D. Pierce
Song Leader	D. Pierce	D. Pierce	W. Pierce
Communion Prayer	R. Harris	M. Kline	E. Newberry
Contribution Prayer & Collection	L. Turney K. Dodds	L. Turney K. Dodds	N. Bradbury J. DeJarnett
Ushers	A. Hines P. Dodds	A. Hines P. Dodds	J. Rayl J. Willson
Closing Prayer	E. Newberry	E. Newberry	M. Kline
Deacon in Charge	L. Lewis	L. Lewis	M. Neal

Note concerning COVID-19: We are now requiring adults to wear masks in services, unless performing a public speaking role in the service or partaking of communion. If you have a medical limitation, we are not asking you to wear a mask and disregard that limitation. We also ask anyone who is subject to quarantine to abide by those recommendations. If you have a cough or are feeling ill, please do not attend services in person. By taking these measures, we believe we can respond to Paul's instructions in Philippians 2, where he wrote—*“do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”*



*“Reaching Inward, Outward
Upward, Downward”*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 28, 2021

Call to Worship

Prayer

Song #538 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Song #540 “O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink”

Song #509 “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #915 “Trust and Obey”

Closing Prayer

ELDERS

Rex Harris
Ed Newberry

Marvin Kline
Tom Norris

DEACONS

Kevin Dodds
Leroy Lewis
David Pierce

Aaron Hines
Mike Neal
Alan Shields

MINISTER

Wes LeFlore