

I Am a Member A Member Values Discipline. Matthew 18:15-20

My understanding of what the church and church membership is will shape my life, my living and my church. ~adapted from Jonathan Leeman, in Rediscovering Church

- The purpose of discipline isn't punishment or being punitive.
- The purpose of discipline is education, learning, growth, and change.

1. _____, self-discipline.

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, 1 Timothy 4:7-8, Philippians 2:12-13

A. Read, study, and apply God's Word. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

B. Listen to and apply God's Word.

- If I always leave church feeling good and I am never challenged or convicted, I was not prepared or did not listen.

2. _____, one-on-one discipline.

- Ask questions; don't make accusations.

- Hebrews 12:5-11 ESV, Proverbs 27:5-6

When you and the other members of your church live this way, the vast majority of discipline in a church will never travel beyond two or three people. The elders will never hear of it. The body will be working as it should, each part building up the body in love. ~Jonathan Leeman, in Rediscovering Church (pg. 98)

- Personal and private discipline should cover the vast majority of biblical discipline in a church.

3. _____, two or three on one discipline.

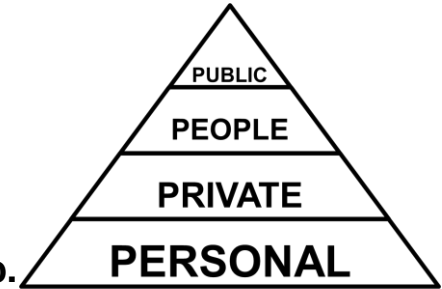


4. _____, church discipline.

A. Leadership.

B. Congregation.

C. Removal from membership.



Common Questions about Biblical (Church) Discipline.

When does the Biblical (Church) discipline stop?

What would result in all four steps taking place?

What does, "tell it to the church" mean?

How do I interact with someone the church has removed from membership?

[T]he general tenor of one's relationship with the disciplined individual should markedly change. Interaction should not be characterized by casualness but by deliberate conversations about repentance.

~Jonathan Leeman, in Church Membership (pg. 115)

When someone is removed from membership, does it mean they are not saved?

How long should biblical (church) discipline take?

Can a person be restored after being removed from membership, and when can that happen?

How do we know when there is repentance?

Who is responsible for biblical discipline?

How much do I value _____ discipline?

What would happen to us, and to P.B.C., if we

_____ biblical discipline?

