

Know and Do— Responding to Leadership (Series Outline from Capitol Hill Baptist Church)

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Understanding the Church, Week 9: "Church Discipline" (know portion)

I. The church is commanded to _____ (vv. 1–5).

- A. **(v. 1)** ¹*It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife.*
- B. **(v. 2)** ²*And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you*
- C. **(vv. 3–5)** ³*For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing.* ⁴*When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus,* ⁵*you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.*

II. If we try to spare the _____ we will damage the _____ (vv. 6–8).

- A. **(v. 6)** ⁶*Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?*
- B. **(vv. 7–8)** ⁷*Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.* ⁸*Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

III. The church be identified by what it _____ (vv. 9–13).

- A. **(vv. 9–10)** ⁹*I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—* ¹⁰*not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.*
- B. **(vv. 12–13)** ¹¹*But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.* ¹²*For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?* ¹³*God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."*

Understanding the Church, Week 9: “Church Discipline” (do portion)

1. In your own words, define church discipline?
2. Church discipline can sometimes carry a negative connotation. Why do you think that is?
3. What are some of the intended outcomes of church discipline? Explain why each of these should be seen in a positive light.
4. What did Paul mean when he told the church in Corinth to “deliver this man to Satan” (1 Cor. 5:5)?
5. What kind of damage might happen to a church that does not practice church discipline?
 - a. Have you ever seen a church harmed by failing to practice discipline?
 - b. Have you seen a church harmed by practicing discipline wrongly?
6. How does faith in Christ give us confidence to practice church discipline?
7. What distinction does Paul make concerning “insiders” and “outsiders” in 1 Cor. 5:9–13?
 - a. Based on these distinctions how ought we treat the outsiders?
 - b. How ought we treat the insiders?
8. Take time this week and think on church discipline and how God means it to be part of a healthy church. Thank the Lord that he did not leave his church without a means for correcting one another toward holiness.