

Life in Community
A Disciplined Community
1 Timothy 1:18-20

- I. A Trust and Calling to Persevere (18-19)
 - A. Fight the good fight
 - 1. Aggressive
 - 2. Diligent
 - B. Keep the faith
 - 1. Personal and doctrinal
 - 2. With a good conscience (not maliciously)
- II. What Is He Fighting Against?
 - A. That which makes a public mockery of the name of Jesus to the world by means of the community of faith
 - B. “Shipwrecked faith” & “Handed over to Satan”
 - 1. What is a shipwreck?
 - a. A non-functioning vessel
 - b. One that has left the proper course
 - 2. What is handing over to Satan?
 - a. In the wrong domain
 - b. Worldly
 - C. This has to do with “church discipline”
- III. What Is Church Discipline?
 - A. Disciple comes from this same word – it carries the idea of “instruction”, but often refers to the act of calling into account those who are unwilling to be repentant of sin and are bringing reproach on the community of Jesus in a public way

“Nonetheless, a definite principle appears to be at work: all sins that were explicitly disciplined in the NT were publicly known or outwardly evident sins, and many of them had continued over a period of time. The fact that the sins were publicly known meant that reproach was being brought on the church, Christ was being dishonored, and there was a real possibility that others would be

encouraged to follow the wrongful patterns of life that were being publicly tolerated.” Wayne Grudem *Systematic Theology*

- B. Texts related to Church discipline
 - 1. Hebrews 12:1-14
 - 2. Matthew 18:15-17
 - 3. 1 Corinthians 5:1-13
 - 4. Galatians 6:1
 - 5. Romans 16:17
 - 6. 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15
 - 7. 1 Timothy 1:20
 - 8. 1 Timothy 5:19-20
 - 9. Titus 3:9-11
- C. Kinds of sins disciplined
 - 1. Divisiveness (Romans 16:17; Titus 3:20)
 - 2. Incest (1 Corinthians 5)
 - 3. Immorality (1 Corinthians 5)
 - 4. Covetous (1 Corinthians 5)
 - 5. Idolatry (1 Corinthians 5)
 - 6. Reviling (1 Corinthians 5)
 - 7. Drunkenness (1 Corinthians 5)
 - 8. Swindling (1 Corinthians 5)
 - 9. Laziness and refusing to work (2 Thessalonians 3:6-10)
 - 10. Disobeying Paul’s writings (2 Thessalonians 3:14-15)
 - 11. Blasphemy (1 Timothy 1:20)
 - 12. Teaching heresy (2 John 10-11)
- IV. Principles of Church Discipline
 - A. For the good of the one disciplined
 - B. For the good of other Christians, as they see the danger of sin
 - C. Health of the church as a whole
 - D. For the corporate witness of the church
 - E. For the glory of God as we reflect His holiness