

Scriptures and Doctrine :: Rebuilding the Walls**Rebuilding the Walls, on: 2007/12/21 10:32**

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Re: Church Discipline, on: 2007/12/21 10:37

Do you think the church is one or many groups of churches? The church is one and should be treated as one body.

Matthew 18:16-17 does have a purpose.

Re:, on: 2007/12/21 10:48

In case anyone was wondering this has to do with a thread that was locked.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2007/12/21 11:56

So are we supposed to re-open for discussions threads the the SI Mods. locked? I don't understand were your going with this.

Re:, on: 2007/12/21 13:40

Actually I do think it should be reopened but I am not the one to do that and I have no intention of reopening it or discussing it unless it is reopened.

If we were not to discuss anything that goes on in the church as a whole than atleast 90% of the threads on this board would have to be locked.

I have to obey the Lord and when there is something that I feel the Lord wants me to share I will share it. You can delete my account or do whatever you want to do that is between the moderators and the Lord. I am not trying to be unkind here but that's the way that it is.

Just make sure your hearing from God because were all accountable aren't we?

I would discuss this further but I have to go to work.

Re: - posted by brentw (), on: 2007/12/21 16:08

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Re:, on: 2007/12/21 20:01

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No, I'm not talking about Joel Olsteen. I'm talking about being accountable for each other that we are in fellowship with. I don't know Joel Olsteen.

Re: - posted by poet (), on: 2007/12/21 21:53

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Amen, I've been guilty of this before too. Matthew 18 spells it out pretty clearly though. Where we have to be careful is where it says "if he shall neglect to hear them.." We have to just use discernment here and make sure they have time to rethink things and then you tell it to the church. Also who and how is it effecting others and to what degree. For instance if you have a cult member teaching other christians.

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Re:, on: 2007/12/22 5:28

Like I was saying Christians need to understand the difference between gossip and protecting the flock of God.

Is it gossip to say there are Seventh Day Adventists on this site? No, that's a fact. Is it gossip to say that some Christians like Leonard Ravenhill, some like to talk about politics, some are more prone to getting out of order, some people on this board are impatient, some are patient, some are more theologically sound, some are not, some like to post articles of theologians, others prefer the word of God only, some like both? Do you get my point?

This is not gossip this is a fact.

When another Christian needs to be disciplined in the church it's a much deeper problem than what I just listed of course! If someone on this board were teaching heresy and we all knew it was heresy do we not all say something? If the person refuses to stop do not the moderators warn them and eventually delete their post or their account?

If this person is a close friend of theirs should it make a difference whether or not the person should be dealt with? No, that would be hypocrisy and I'm sure the moderators would agree.

These are important issues and something we need to think about.

If someone is interested in a church or another website and I know there are major problems should I not say something when I know that those in that ministry have been told but do not care? That they have made it publically known that they do not care? Would that be gossip? No.

Should we never comment on anything and lock every thread that mentions any happenings in other churches or ministries?

Everything needs to be done decently and in order. We're not just accountable for the things that we do were accountable for the things that we don't do or prevent others from doing.

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This is why I started this thread because we need to understand what is the difference between something that needs to be addressed and something that does not. **This is not a board issue this is a church issue. I think this is where things are getting misconstrued.**

The only thing I do want to say about the other thread is that things were totally misinterpreted which was partly my fault. I usually word things better but I was tired after working all day. I raised an issue I felt the Lord wanted me to raise and I did. **I said nothing wrong and that I am assured of.** But that thread is locked so I have nothing else to say about that.

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You said take it to the pastor but maybe the pastor doesn't agree with you. That is not what Jesus said to do. He said take two or three with you not the pastor although you could take the pastor if he was in agreement.

Re:, on: 2007/12/23 17:54

I really think this is what the church in America is lacking and that is discipline. The Lord disciplines those whom He loves. The bible says if you do not discipline your own child than you hate them. When it is done in love it's a good thing. I would have no problem with someone correcting me in love, just make sure your right. When it is done in love and orderly than this is pleasing to God. Sure it's humbling but would you rather leave them in pride and ignorance? If they are defiant anyway would you rather leave them in their defiance and pretend they have done nothing because you don't want to be bothered or lose their friendship? Have we gained anything by doing this?

Than we have to think about which sins do you confront, obviously heresy would be one of them for instance.

Because it is such a sensitive thing to have to deal with I understand that christians do not want to go there but we are as a church facing these things everyday.

I don't enjoy it, it's not something meant to enjoy. How do you move forward though if you are facing these things?

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2007/12/23 18:51

If your asking my opinion I will be more than happy to humble myself and tell you I don't know enough about those particular scriptures to even go there, so to keep me from doing or saying something that I am not sure of I just choose to leave it be.

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een confronting these issues that arise in the church or choosing to ignore them all depending on if God has spoken to us about them. Maybe that is my opinion but I feel God has spoken to me. The church in America is not facing persecution really, poverty or famine we are facing a backslidden, prosperity preaching, Laodicean church. How are we as American Christians going to handle these issues when we do face them?

Even if you choose not to do anything you have still made a choice.

I often wonder how many Christians see the church as one. How many see that if a brother is suffering either in Africa or maybe NYC we all are suffering? Not recognizing your own body when it is crying out to us is the reason it is sick.

Isn't a healthy body one that functions properly? If it has a disease it immediately attacks the disease removing it from the body? If we don't recognize we have a body then we have a serious problem on our hands.

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It is more appropriate, I believe, to discuss the doctrinal error (or supposed error) than to point at the man. Yes, we can mention that a particular doctrine is one that is (to the best of our knowledge) espoused by a particular public figure. But we really need to be as factual as possible when mentioning a man's beliefs. Are we completely sure that this is something that is believed by a particular person?

If you use the verse that you provided in a manner in which you seem to suggest, then this entire message board (and all of our Christian conversations) would center around ERROR. Why? There is a lot of error being taught or believed by members of the Church. Should we discipline a brother because they sincerely hold a doctrine that is contrary to our own

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I know individuals who I firmly consider part of the Body of Christ who hold some doctrinal beliefs that I feel are error. Some hold (in sincerity) doctrines that are obviously false, while others simply hold a doctrinal view that is contrary to my own. Should I point out these brethren in a public manner? What if someone felt the same way about YOU? Would you appreciate being pointed out as a doctrinal heretic simply because of a belief?

We really need to be careful about our words. Words are powerful things. They can heal and they can kill. They can comfort and they can discourage. Yes, there is a need for Church discipline, but we had better make sure that we are 100% correct in both our beliefs and our manner in which such discipline is carried out. Otherwise, we will have a lot of verbal crucifixions being carried out.

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I am not called to discipline or confront or talk about Pastors "it's not my calling", yes if someone steals from me even if they don't work for me, I would confront them personally and they would probably lie if they steal, so basically I would have to let it go, forgive them and move on.

I am sorry I don't understand your point, I hope you can find it in your heart to forgive me, we must remember we were all different in the way God chooses to use us and our knowledge, and until I hear him scream to me Bill that Pastor is wrong go let him know, I am staying clear, so I can devote 100% to what I know he has called me to do.

Sorry I don't understand, or agree with you but I can't just go along to get along especially if I don't feel called or understood, that would be just as bad as for me as ignoring the body it is to you.
Mr. Bill

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There is a time and a place for everything and a season ect... It's not all one sided I agree either way or else why would there be Matthew 18:16-17?

Some people too who you approach that have either hurt you or the church in general sometimes you will find they do not care. It's sad but true and you have to know that is a chance you are going to take.

How you handle it afterwards is a different matter all depending on the circumstances.

Let God be true and every man a liar...

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Atleast your honest! :-) The beam I believe is speaking of your conscience. If you have a clear conscience you can speak to others. We can't judge ourselves and even say we are blameless only God knows if we are blameless.

My conscience bothers me if I am offended and say nothing. You just have to make sure your motives are pure.

Re: Church Discipline, on: 2007/12/24 21:16

I'm doing my best to follow this thread. Still not quite sure what it's about, and whether there is a valid point about the whole body of Christ, which most actual elders and pastors would rather not have to deal with. It is so much easier if they can contain any matters of discipline within their own four walls (so to speak), neither being answerable to their own flock (if they so desire), or to concerns expressed by those outside the immediate catchment from which their congregation is drawn.

I am interested for a couple of reasons, both as one who was in a 'church' being led by a false shepherd, and as one who was not followed-up by elders who believed I was out of order for leaving. Both scenarios give cause for concern, the first more than the second, because a whole bunch of people were being misled.

On the matter of being 'beamless', glorytoglory said

Quote:
-----We can't judge ourselves

I don't agree. First, what Paul says in 1 Cor 11 came straight to mind:

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of bread, and drink of *that* cup.
29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.
31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.
32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

Young puts v 32 this way: 'and being judged by the Lord, we are chastened, that with the world we may not be condemned;'

I believe also, that having pure motives is not merely subjective, but our lives should show we do not have a self-seeking agenda.

This verse comes to mind also, as part of the proof of our 'authority':

Ephesians 5

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

This last verse plays straight into the whole matter of church discipline, in that one would assume a brother or sister would want to be offered correction, for the sake of their own soul, rather than be left to take responsibility for leading a whole group astray.

In fact, this raises the matters touched upon in the letters to the churches in Revelation 2

to Pergamos...

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balaam to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

to Thyatira...

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

How does a person get into leadership, who does not submit to God, who is not interested in His word, or who doesn't care for the flock *willingly*?

Re:, on: 2007/12/24 21:47

The reason I started this thread is I'm trying to understand how we as Christians are to respond in this country to a backslidden, prosperity preaching, Laodcean church that we face everyday. I'm all for resting in Lord of course but there are times when we face things head on in our church like you have Dorcas and we are faced with having to respond. My question is how do we go about this?

I believe we each have a responsibility to the church we attend. I also believe even though we may think we are not going to be taken well by confronting others when needed we still have an obligation to do so.

You may be surrounded by unbelievers in your church but you are still a member of the body of Christ.

Revival begins with each individual member. God doesn't usually move unless we move first. If we see a need we should respond to it as God calls us to. Since the church is not where it should be we are confronted with many unresolved problems and issues. There is no getting around these things. We aren't called to find acceptance from others but to be faithful to God and the calling on our lives.

This is where I believe we are at as a church in America:

Nehemiah 2:17-18

17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

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