

**VERSES ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE**  
*(See Verses on Conflict Resolution, Church Unity, Forgiveness)*

**Dt 19:15** 15 A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established.

**Mt 5:23-26** 23 If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

**Mt 7:3-5** 3 Why do you see 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, when there is the log 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.

**Mt 18:15-20** 15 If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

**Lk 17:3-4** 3 Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, I repent, you must forgive him.

**Ro 14:19** 19 Let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

**Ro 16:17** 17 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught. Avoid them.

**1 Co 5:1-13** 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. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. 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. ...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, because then you would need to go out of the world. 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.

**1 Co 6:1-8** 1 When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? 2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? 3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more then matters pertaining to this life! 4 So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? 5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, 6 but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? 7 To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? 8 But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers!

**2 Co 2:5-11** 5 If anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. 6 For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, 7 so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. 8 So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him. 9 For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. 10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Messiah, 11 so that we would not be outwitted by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his designs.

**Ga 6:1-2** 1 Brothers and sisters, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him [or her] in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Messiah.

**Php 2:4** 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**2 Th 3:6** 6 We command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Messiah, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us.

**2 Th 3:14-15** 14 If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

**1 Ti 1:19-20** 19 Some have made shipwreck of their faith, 20 among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

**1 Ti 5:1-2** 1 Do not rebuke (ἐπιπλήσσω, aor.) an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

**1 Ti 5:19-20** 19 Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 20 As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear.

**2 Ti 2:24-26** 24 The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them a change of mind leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

**Tt 1:10-13** 10 There are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. 11 They must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. 12 One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own said, Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons. 13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith.

**Tt 3:10-11** 10 As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinful. He is self-condemned.

**Heb 12:15-16** 15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God, that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled, 16 that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

**Jas 5:19-20** 19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**1 Jn 5:16** 16 If anyone sees his brother [or sister] committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death.

**2 Jn 10-11** 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, 11 for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.