

## Five Traits of Kingdom Citizens—Part 4b

"Discipline: How?"

Matthew 18:15-20

### I. The Church's A\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15-17)

#### a. A Private \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15)

i. **SIN** (cf. Ps. 51):

1. **T**\_\_\_\_\_ = possibly unintentional

2. **T**\_\_\_\_\_ = definitely intentional

3. **I**\_\_\_\_\_ = practicing sin

a. **practices** = *poieō* (ποιέω) = "to do, to perform, to practice" (cf. 1 John 3:4-10)

b. We must **go and show**

c. It must be done **in private**

d. **if he listens to you, you have won your brother** = God's goal is Rescue, Return, and Restoration

#### e. A Persistent \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16)

i. **so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed** (cf. Deut. 19:15)

#### f. A Public \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17a)

i. **tell it to the church** = is a call for the church to provide:

1. Private prayer
2. Personal persuasion
3. Public pressure

#### g. A Plenary \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17b)

i. Jesus is asking the church to vote the member out of the church and treat them like an unbeliever in need of the Gospel

ii. **"REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES."** (cf. 1 Cor. 5:1-13)

### II. The Church's A\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 18-20)

a. **Truly I say to you** = pay attention!

b. **bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven** = If a faithful church binds someone to the body of Christ, then they are bound in heaven (cf. Matt. 16:19-20)

c. **whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven** = If a faithful church sets loose someone from the body of Christ, then they are loosed in heaven (cf. 1 Cor. 5:1-13)

d. **that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven** = not a promise that God MUST fulfill whatever we ask for; but instead a restatement of verse 18 that God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven when the hearts of His people is the same as His.

e. **<sup>20</sup> For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.** = Jesus is declaring that He is the required eyewitness when the church faithfully chooses to bind or loose someone from His body

i. Therefore, our Responsibility is just as important as our Authority!

f. HOPE: 2 Cor. 2:5-8