

# Church Discipline?

Knowing Jesus (Matthew 18:15-35)

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Conditional formulaic process

➤ **IF** your brother \_\_\_\_\_ against you

“Sin” = ‘miss the mark’ ‘do or go wrong’ (Rom. 3:23)

✓ **Level 1.** \_\_\_\_\_ him!

✓ Tell \_\_\_\_\_ him

↳ (1<sup>st</sup> possibility) Sated goal: restoring \_\_\_\_\_

↳ (2<sup>nd</sup> possibility) **IF** he does not \_\_\_\_\_

✓ **Level 2:** Take one or two \_\_\_\_\_

↳ (1<sup>st</sup> possibility) [Unstated] goal: restoring  
fellowship

↳ (2<sup>nd</sup> possibility) **IF** he *still* does not repent

✓ **Level 3:** Take it before the \_\_\_\_\_

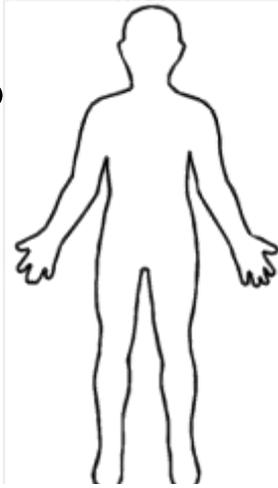
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✓ **Level 4:** Expel/ treat him as  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Comparing "body analogies"

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And if he refuses to listen even to the church,  
**let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector**  
(Mt. 18:17b)

### Responding to sin

- 1) Act \_\_\_\_\_ with mature believers (v. 16-18)
- 2) Seek the Lord's guidance \_\_\_\_\_ with confidence (v. 19)
- 3) Jesus will be with us as we do it \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 20)
- 4) We must forgive \_\_\_\_\_ offenses and seek restoration (v. 15, 21-35)

### How does this relate to children? (v. 1)

- 1) It sets a proper \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) It prevents a \_\_\_\_\_ toward Christ and His church because of hypocrites in it.

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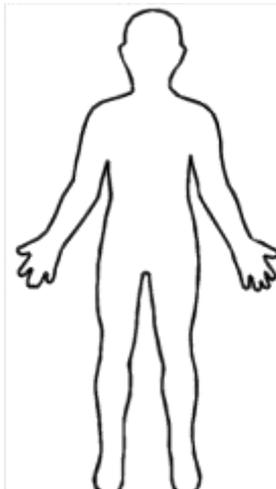
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- **IF** your brother **sins** against you
  - ✓ **Level 1. Tell him!**
    - ✓ Tell **only** him
      - ↪ (1<sup>st</sup> possibility) Sated goal: restoring **fellowship**
      - ↪ (2<sup>nd</sup> possibility) **IF** he does not **listen**
        - ✓ **Level 2:** Take one or two **witnesses**
          - ↪ (1<sup>st</sup> possibility) [Unstated] goal: restoring fellowship
          - ↪ (2<sup>nd</sup> possibility) **IF** he *still* does not repent
            - ✓ **Level 3:** Take it before the **church**
              - ↪ (1<sup>st</sup> possibility) [Unstated] goal: restoring fellowship
              - ↪ (2<sup>nd</sup> possibility) **IF** he *still* does not repent
                - ✓ **Level 4:** Expel/ treat him as **lost**.

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## Responding to sin

- 5) Act **together** with mature believers (v. 16-18)
- 6) Seek the Lord's guidance **together** with confidence (v. 19)
- 7) Jesus will be with us as we do it **together!** (v. 20)
- 8) We must forgive **personal** offenses and seek restoration (v. 15, 21-35)

## How does this relate to children? (v. 1)

- 3) It sets a proper **example**.
- 4) It prevents a **bad taste** toward Christ and His church because of hypocrites in it.