

The Message

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Church Government and Sanctions

Matthew 18:15



Who Is Your Brother?

Unbelievers are children of wrath
(Ephesians 2:3).



It does not say, “If your neighbor sins.”



If Your Brother Sins . . .

Galatians 6:1 Says, “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”



Did He Actually Sin?



Hostile judgments usually come home
to bite us.



Two or More Witnesses

“One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established” (Deuteronomy 19:15).



How Often Do We Forgive?

Matthew 18:21



20 Years' Labor Forgiven



100 Days of Labor Not Forgiven



The servant therefore fell down before him. . .



The Tormentors

And his master was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors until he should pay all that was due to him.



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So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.



Sin Engendered Sickness

The technical term for “sin-engendered sickness” is **hamartiagenic sickness**.



**Graciousness and Forgiveness
Are the Hallmarks of Christianity.**



Three Steps

1. Confront Alone in Meekness
2. Take One or Two If There Is Defensiveness
3. Take It to the Church



What If You Are the One Accused?

Agree with your adversary quickly . . . lest . . .
you be thrown into prison.



The Answer?

Side with God against yourself and be forgiven.

Lose to God and win.

Agree with your adversary quickly.

Forgive and be forgiven.



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