



Welcome To 1st CLASS!

Spiritual Leadership
Week Eight

1 Corinthians 11:1 “Be ye followers of me, even as I also [am] of Christ.”

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SHARING POINT...



**Ask the
Pastor???**

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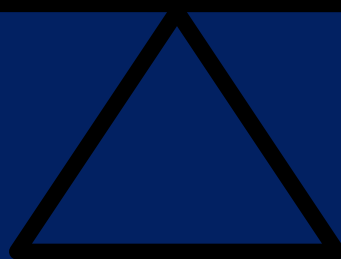


Session 8 Topic

Spiritual Leadership: Church Discipline Part II

Hebrews 13:17

Acts 5:29



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AUTHORITY & THE CHURCH



- Question:
 - Does the local church have authority in the lives of its members?



CHURCH LEADERS



- Hebrews 13:17
 - Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: **for they watch for your souls**, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is unprofitable for you.*
- Spiritual Leadership: Elders/Pastors



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- What leadership style did Jesus model?



SERVANT-LEADERSHIP



- Church Leaders
 - Only one leadership style is biblical for church leaders
 - Mark 10:44
- Fact
 - Church leaders are still sinners saved by grace



SERVANT-LEADERSHIP



- Mark 10:44
 - And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.



HEBREWS 13:17



- Obey them that have the rule over you, **and submit yourselves**: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is unprofitable for you*.
- Question: What is your gut reaction to the word “submit?”

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“Submit Yourself”

In what areas should a church member be willing to submit to the leadership of a God-ordained Pastor?

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SUBMISSION CRITERIA



- The left and right limit of submitting to a God-ordained authority is the first and last page of the Bible provided it is properly interpreted within the historically grammatically correct understanding of the passage.

No personal preferences/individual convictions permitted.

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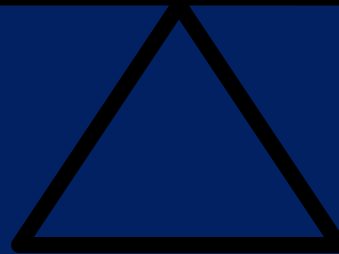
A VERY IMPORTANT BALANCE



- Acts 5:29
 - Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Hebrews 13:17

Acts 5:29





FOR EXAMPLE:



- Question 1: As a pastor, can I present an air tight case that the consumption of 4 oz. of wine is a sin?
- Question 2: As a pastor, can I present an air tight case that drunkenness is a sin?



GRAY AREAS



- Gray areas are addressed in extra-biblical documents:
 - Covenant
 - Article of Faith
 - Expectation Statements
 - Constitution

- Pastors
- Leaders
- Teachers
- Directors
- Employees
- Supervisors

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What do we do with disagreements?

The church is the final authority—
however, in some areas of question
an interpretation is already spelled
out in a extra-Biblical document like
an article of faith or constitution.

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From our Lord Jesus:

Matthew 18:15-17

“we get steps”

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CHURCH DISCIPLINE



- Formative
 - Preventive

- Corrective (guided by Matthew 18)
 - Informal
 - Formal



MATTHEW 18:15-17



- Where do you see the break in the text from informal to formal corrective church discipline?
- What is your understanding of “neglect to hear the church?”
 - 1 Corinthians 5:4



THE CHURCH



- 1 Corinthians 5:4
 - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together.....
- 21st Century
 - Business Meeting



THE CHURCH VOTES



- 1 Corinthians 5:12-13
 - do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.
- 21st Century
 - If needed judge and vote him out



VOTED HIM OUT



- Matthew 18:17
 - And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.



Why vote them out?

Why would you ever vote someone out of the church? I thought we want as many as possible to attend.

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WHY VOTE SOMEONE OUT?



- Love, love and more love
- Hebrews 12:6
 - For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,
and scourgeth every son whom he
receiveth.



WHY VOTE SOMEONE OUT?



- Soul versus Body
 - 1 Corinthians 5:5
 - To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, **that** the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.



What are the alternatives?

- A. Fix the problem before it goes to the church.
- B. Resign church membership.

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- Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, **that they may do it with joy**, and not with grief: for that *is unprofitable for you.*
- What kind of a church member will you be?



THE STEPS



- Formative/Preventive Disciple
 - Preaching and teaching Ministry
- Informal Corrective Disciple
 - One Christian to Another
- Semi-formal Corrective Disciple
 - Two or three Christians to Another
- Formal Corrective Disciple
 - Last resort the matter goes before the church