

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:1-5

SERMON: Take the First Step in Church Discipline!

22 January 2017

I. ANOTHER SERMON OUT OF PROVIDENCE

II. A SURVEY OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE IN THE BIBLE

A. WHAT IS CHURCH DISCIPLINE? (Num.22:22; Gal.2:11; Eph.6:4(4:22-24); 1Th.5:14; 2Tm.3:16; Mt.18:12f,15f; 2Sam.11:27f)

B. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? (Mt.22:37&39; see Rom.2:23; Tt.2:5 & Mt.18:15f; 1Cor.5:6; Jms.5:19; note: ordinances & means; marks)

C. WHERE ARE SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES? (Gen.3:24(Heb.10:19f); Dt.8:1-5; 2Sam.11:27f; Ps.101; Jer.46:27,28; Acts 15:1f; 1Cor.5:1f,13(2Cor.2:6f); Rev.2:5)

D. WHO IS TO DO THIS? (Dt.8:5; see Prov.3:11f(Heb.12:5f); Eph.6:4; see Job 2:10; 1Cor.14:35; see Prov.27:6; Eph.4:15; Rm.15:14; Mt.18:15,16; see Mt.18:17 w/Ex.18:13f,22; Dt.17:2f; Acts 14:23(Tt.1:5); 15:1f; 1Cor.6:1f; 1Tm5:17; 2Tm2:25f)

E. HOW IS IT TO BE DONE? (Mt.18:15f; see Ex.18:20; Eph.4:12f; 2Tm.3:16; Heb.5:14; Rom.15:14; see Lk.17:3; Rom.14:1f; Col.3:12-14; Eph.4:15,31f; Prov.27:3)

F. WHAT IS THE FIRST STEP? (Mt.18:15f; see Mt.7:1-5; Gal.6:1f; 1Cor.9:27; 11:31; 1Tm.4:7; see Rom.7:23f; 8:13; Col.3:9&10; 5f&12f; see Mk.9:43f; 49,50; see Prov.4:23; Lk.21:34; Phil.4:7; note: heart, mind, will; eyes, ears, mouth, hands, feet)

III. TAKE THE FIRST STEP IN CHURCH DISCIPLINE!

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)