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POSTMODERN INTOLERANCE

One of the sad situations of the postmodern mindset is the tolerance of anything and everything in spite of its moral implication. According to them, there is nothing absolute, no universal truth or standard. So, no one has the right to ‘judge’ the view of another. Even if they say 2 plus 2 is 22, we have to accept and acknowledge that they have the right to consider so, in spite of what we hold to be true! And the paradox is if we disagree, they stamp us as old-fashioned and intolerant and they will never tolerate that intolerance!

This moral perversion and confusion in the society have resulted in utter indiscipline and disorder in every realm, because no one dares to question the error and evil, fearing a backlash from these modern ideologists.

Sadly, this same attitude of the society has crept into the church also. As a result, no one is prepared to hear words of rebuke, admonition or correction the way scripture is supposed to function (2Timothy 3:16, 17). The leadership happily continues with the regular activities, but no effort is put to maintain discipline and holiness in the local church. Even the so-called professional preachers and teachers refuse to address such confusing and chaotic issues among the believers. Whether as an individual, families or assemblies everybody continues with the same the fallen, failed situation,

and no one dares to intervene. This is a dangerous situation! Notice two scripture passages:

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isa. 5:20).

“He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD” (Pro. 17:15). God hates such reversal of moral values. Disregarding the difference between right and wrong, they appreciate immorality. Even they put down anyone who stands for truth, decency and morality. In fact, it is imitation of the Satanic tactic we see in the Garden of Eden when he projected his lie as true, and God’s truth as lie (Gen. 3:4, 5).

If we silently or actively help someone to continue with his/her unjust and evil way of life, we attract divine displeasure. Isaiah pronounces woe against such. It is high time that believers re-emphasize the authority of the scripture and not follow the worldly pattern of permissiveness and tolerance. Let us not hesitate to expose the error and evil, irrespective of the persons involved. Yes, with much prayer and humility let’s make every effort to help the saints walk in holiness and justice. Let us explore this topic of discipline in the church and its various aspects.

Yours in His service,

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ASSEMBLY DISCIPLINE

Assembly discipline is one of the areas where most sincere Church leaders often fail miserably. Either they take no action in spite of the blatant violation of number of spiritual norms or they over react, thereby worsening the overall assembly situation. Let us consider briefly what the New Testament teaches about maintaining discipline in the local assembly.



I. THE IMPORTANCE

Is assembly discipline really an important matter? Consider 4 things:

a. **The teaching of the Lord Jesus, Matt. 18:15–20.**

Our Lord gives clear teaching to deal with an issue between two individuals in the church.

b. **The action by the Lord, Acts 5:1–11; Rev. 2:5, etc.**

The action against Ananias and Sapphira as well as the rebuke and

warning to the local assemblies of Asia minor are evidence of the Lord's mind on discipline in the church (Rev. 2, 3).

c. **The teachings of apostle Paul, 1Cor. 5:1–13.**

In 1 Corinthians chapter five we have the classic passage on Church discipline. Paul strongly rebukes the oversight for their inaction even after immorality was evident among them. Further, he gives instruction on the action required.

d. **The practice of the apostles, Acts 5:3, 9; 1Tim. 1:20**

In the action against Ananias and Sapphira, apostle Peter was in full agreement with the Lord. What Paul did with Hymenaeus and Alexander also is noteworthy.

Remember, Matt. 18: 20 must be seen in the context of discipline. The decisions and standard of a local assembly should reflect the standard of heaven (Matt. 18:18). And it is to such a gathering the Lord has promised His presence.

II. THE CASES

There is a long list found in the New Testament regarding when the oversight will have to take some form of disciplinary

action.

1. The Personal Offender, Matt. 18:15–20

When there is an issue between two individuals and the efforts of the concerned brethren became futile, the Church has to intervene.

2. The Division Maker, Rom. 16:17

By sweet words and flattering speech some deceive the hearts of simple believers (v. 18). Paul exhorts saints to ‘avoid’ such, before they cause division in the assembly.



3. The Serious Moral Offender, 1Cor. 5:1-5

When an assembly member lives in immorality, especially which the gentiles feel ashamed to even talk about, Paul exhorts the leadership to deliver such a one into the hands of Satan!

4. Wicked Brethren, 1Cor. 5:11

This refers to someone known as a follower of Christ and yet acts as an unbeliever. Paul gives six examples for this: sexually immoral, covetous, idolater, reviler, drunkard, and extortioner. Notice, how Paul tells them not even to eat with them, that means not even to have a social

fellowship with such.



5. The Overtaken Brother, Gal. 6:1

When someone has fallen temporarily, spiritual brethren should settle the issue and restore him.

6. The Disorderly Brother, 2Thess. 3:6–15

Disorderly conduct such as unnecessary visits to houses and gossips may not be evil in itself, yet the oversight will have to deal with it.

7. The Unprofitable Speaker, Tit. 1:11

Speakers who teach erroneously with personal agenda should also be dealt with, (2Pet. 2:1–3; 1Tim. 1:19, 20).

Notice three things:

- a. This is not an exhaustive list on cases when disciplinary action is needed. Many present-day issues like online abuses etc., are not addressed here.
- b. Not all cases need stern actions like excommunication. Oversight should have the discernment and grace to take the most appropriate action.
- c. Never delay the response. Some keep on discussing and the matter gets worsened or the concerned people leave.

III. THE PURPOSE

Never approach discipline with any selfish agenda like teaching someone a lesson or to get rid of somebody whom the oversight does not like. Paul wrote to the Corinthians later that he insisted on discipline because of his deep love and care for them (2Cor. 2:4; 7:12). With much fear and caution only we should approach this matter (Gal. 1, 2). Six objectives can be noticed:

i. To keep the purity of the assembly, 1Cor. 5:6–8.

God's assembly should be holy. Like a little leaven leavens the whole lump and dead flies putrefy the perfumers' ointment, similarly, allowing evil will spread to others as well.

ii. To maintain order in the church, 1Cor. 14:40.

Any disorder is not only ugly but harmful for the church. Each believer should know how to behave in the church of Christ (Tit. 1:5; 1Tim. 3:15).

iii. To restore the offender, 2Cor. 2:6–8; Gal. 6:1.

Any action is to 'gain' our brother, never to harm or destroy.

iv. To warn others, 1Tim. 5:20

If the oversight keeps silent, a wrong impression is created that any abnormality is tolerated.

v. To safeguard the spiritual health of the assembly.

If not acted against evil in time, it slowly spreads. Even if an action may lead to pain and sorrow, the end result will be joy, (cf. 1Cor. 5:6; 2Cor. 7:11, 12).

vi. To maintain public testimony, Acts 5:11, 13.

The action against Ananias and Sapphira affected the public view point of the church. People feared to join them at the same time, they esteemed the church.



Remember, the general public takes a note of what's going on among the people of God. Any disorder and indiscipline are a shame and dishonor to the assembly as well as the Lord Jesus Christ.

IV. THE PROCESS

Since each situation is unique, a fixed framework may not be suitable. Often a word of rebuke or admonition will be enough. Yet seven steps can be suggested based on the key passages on discipline.

1. Private effort should be taken by spiritual brethren, Mat. 18: 15-17; Gal. 6:1 cf. Jam. 5:16; Mat. 5:23, 24. (Especially in connection with an issue between two individuals.)
2. With thorough investigation, the assembly needs to realize the seriousness of the matter, 1Cor. 5:1; Mat. 18:17.
3. The assembly should mourn at such sin, 1Cor. 5:2. Deep sorrow and grief is required, for a dear brother is fallen.

4. The whole assembly needs to come together, 1Cor. 5: 3, 4. Public sin must be dealt with publicly. The gathering should be in the name of the Lord and in His will, v.4 cf. Mat. 18:17-20.
5. A public announcement is required, Mat. 18:17. Note, though not mentioned clearly, natural justice demands sufficient opportunity be given to the fallen one to explain his/her stand, (cf. Gen. 3: 8-13; Jos. 7:20, 21, 23).
6. Appropriate disciplinary action should be taken in Christ's authority, 1Cor. 5: 4, 5 cf. Mat. 18:18, 20.

This final step includes even excommunication, but it should be done only in extreme situations, to preserve the peace and purity of the church (cf. Matt. 18:17; 1Cor. 5:5, 13). Even in the divine chastening process, we see various grades of chastisements (1Cor. 11:30).



V. THE END OF DISCIPLINE

What is the future of the disciplined? Two things are important:

- a. Their soul may be saved in the day of the Lord, 1Cori. 5:5. No disciplinary action can rob a believer's place in heaven (cf. John 10:28; 5:24; 1Cor. 3:15). There are different opinions on

'delivering one to Satan'. We understand, it refers to how the disciplined will experience outside the assembly fellowship which is the sphere of Satan. Feeling the pain and sorrow due to the absence of Christian fellowship he/she will be led to repent.

- b. Restoration after repentance, 2 Cor. 2: 5-7. Any disciplinary action is not forever. We ought to prayerfully wait for their repentance and restoration. Paul encourages Corinthians to forgive the disciplined and restore him back to fellowship. Refusal to do so will result in Satan taking advantage of it.

Notice two things:

- The erring one should humbly yield to the decision of the assembly.
- The assembly should deal with this issue with much prayer and look forward to his restoration at the earliest (Mat. 7:4; Deut. 17:2-4).

Conclusion:

Assembly discipline is a very sensitive and difficult topic. However, keeping a blind eye towards the disorder in the local churches fearing any adverse consequence will only harm the assembly testimony further. The best option is to encourage believers for periodic self-examination and self-judgement (1Cor. 11:28, 31; 2Cor. 13:5). Then each believer will stay close to the Lord and be obedient to the scripture. Thus, maintaining discipline and purity in the church of God.

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RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS WITH ONE ANOTHER

(An outlook on our relationship within the Church based on Galatians Ch. 6)

The major theme that Paul is emphasising in his epistle to the Galatians is to please God, rather than pleasing man. In Paul's efforts to please God, many people were displeased and some even turned against Paul. Such circumstances can affect the relationship of the brethren among one another. Hence, in Galatians chapter 6, Paul is exhorting the need of keeping the right relationship among one another. Some of the practical steps to keep the right relationship among the brethren, as exhorted by Paul are as below.

1. Those who are spiritual, restore those who are overtaken in any trespass, Gal 6:1

“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.” (Gal.6:1)

Restoring the trespassing brethren is a ministry to be practiced in the church. Those who are spiritual must restore the trespassers. Restoring should always be done with the spirit of gentleness. The restorer must be cautious that he himself will not be tempted. The Lord Jesus gave a



clear teaching on this in Mtt.18:15-17. When anyone in the church trespasses, a spiritual person must approach him personally with an intention to restore him. If the trespasser does not heed, then take one or two from the Church and counsel him. Even then if he refuses to repent, then bring it before the church.

Apostle Paul in 2 Cor.2:5-8 says that the punishment inflicted on an erring brother, should not be beyond his ability to bear. The intended purpose is that the right relationship be restored among one another.

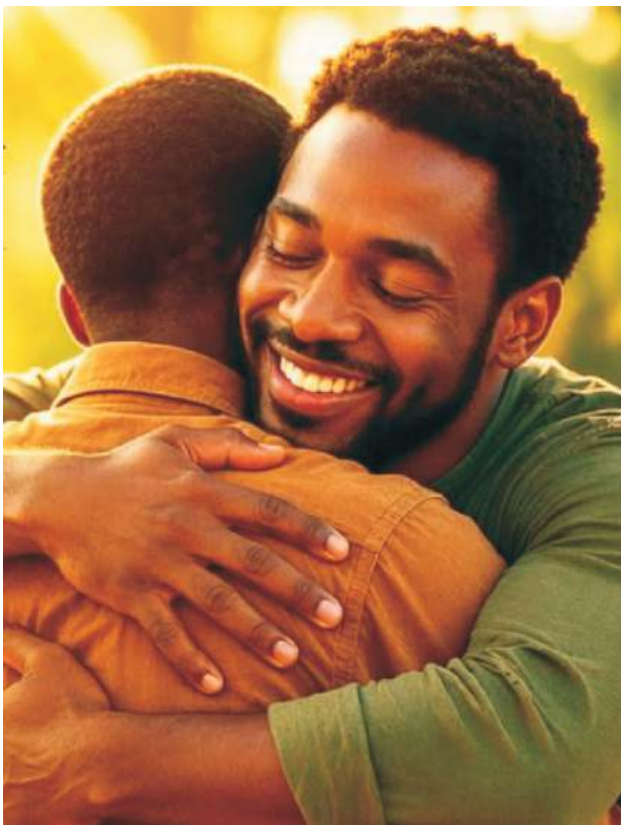


2. Bear one another's burdens to fulfil the law of Christ, Gal 6:2

Each one in the Church can be different from the other in his context. Everyone will have his own burden, which may not be seen by others. Burdens of each one will differ from the other. An intimate interaction with them helps us to understand their problems. Brethren are expected to bear one another's burden and support them.

Paul says in Philemon 18-19, while restoring Onesimus, that whatever Onesimus owes Philemon, be put to Paul's account and he would bear that burden for Onesimus. Bearing one another's burden is fulfilling the law of Christ according to Gal.6:2.

Christ who bore our burdens upon Himself is the perfect example. Therefore, when we bear one another's burden, the Christlike character is seen in us, and this fulfils the law of Christ.



All the members of the Church are the members of God's household and children of one father. Hence, we are obliged to bear one another's burdens, which will contribute to the strengthening of our relationship with one another.

3. Be realistic in your thinking about yourself, Gal 6:3

"For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself." (Gal.6:3)

What one thinks about himself, makes an impact on his relationship with the rest of the brethren in the Church. Thinking himself to be something, while he is nothing is a self-deception.



This attitude will only take such people away from one another, rather than bringing them into a closer relationship. Everyone is assigned a specific work in God's field, one to plant and another to water. No one becomes greater than the other based on the work allotted to him.

Ultimately, it is God who brings the increase in the Church. "So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase" (1 Cor.3:7). While Paul talks about himself, he says "who am less than the least of all the saints" (Eph.3:8).

There is no individual who is placed in the Church, without whom the Church will not function. When one fails, God raises another for the church belongs to God. Therefore, each member of the Church is supposed to humble himself and continue in good relationship with another.

4. Examine your own works, than judging someone else's work, Gal 6: 4, 5

“But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load.” (Gal.6:4-5)

Each one is given a lot of work pertaining to the ministry that God has given to him. Apart from this, he has to bear his own domestic and family related load, which is his primary obligation.

Here, the context is someone else is boasting in the work that Paul has initiated. Therefore, Paul is emphasising that each one find reasons to rejoice in his own work and not in others. Interfering and taking the credit of someone else's work can always negatively impact our relationships with one another.

At the end, we all have to give an account to the Lord for the work that we have done while we are in this body, each one is accountable for his own work and not of the others. Therefore, Paul says “lest I should build on another man's foundation” (Rom.15:20). When someone intrudes into another's work, and tries to gain a name or fame for himself through another's work, it can always create a relationship problem. Therefore, we should first judge our own

works than judging another, which will establish a better relationship among one another in the church of God.

5. Share with those who teach you, the good things that you have in life, Gal 6:6

The fellowship of the saints also involves the sharing of all the good things they have, with one another. Here, Paul is pointing out the relationship between the one who teaches and the ones who are learning. Paul was a teacher and a spiritual mentor for the Galatian believers. Even though he did not demand anything in return from them, Paul strongly reminds them of their relationship and obligations with those who teach them the word of God.

A spiritually growing Church should always have a good relationship with those who teach them the word of God. Teaching the word of God is a labour that God has entrusted to those who teach. Bible says. “The labourer is worthy of his wages”. Paul writes to Timothy “Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in the word and doctrine” (1 Tim.5:17-18).

Every teacher of the word, should sincerely labour in teaching the word to the Church and the church should respectfully learn the word that is taught to them. This will strengthen the relationship with one another within the Church.



6. Know that a man will reap the fruit of all what he sows, Gal 6:7

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.” (Gal.6:7)

In the context of sharing the material things with one another, Paul continues to say that a man will reap what he sows. The Church while on this earth, has many material needs for various purposes. God never expects the needs of the church to be met by any outside agencies, but only by the generous contribution of God’s people.

Within the Church, there may be many who are in different needs which has to be met by the cheerful giving of the saints. Giving anything in the name of the Lord is like sowing the seed which will yield fruit in its own time.



He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully (2 Cor.9:6). The early apostolic Church had the practice of pooling in all their resources and sharing according to the needs of each one.

This strengthened the relationship among the believers very strongly and they all lived in oneness and unity. God rewards everyone who sacrificially gives in the

name of the Lord. Whatever is sown in the name of the Lord, will be reaped in abundance.

But if anyone thinks that he can reap the benefits without sowing the seed, he is deceived in his understanding. When we share what we have with one another, our relationship with one another will also be strengthened.

7. Be eager to do good, especially to those who are of the household of faith, Gal 6:10

All may not have sufficient material resources to share with others. But nothing prevents us from doing good to others. Especially when it comes to the household of faith, we are all the more obliged to do good to one another. We all belong to one household, the household of God.

Therefore, whatever we do, whether by deeds or words, we should be careful to ensure that it will result only for the good of our brethren and it never causes any harm to others. Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart (Gal.6:9).

Let each one look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of



others. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Such attitudes will only harm our relationship with one another. We are asked to be the servants of one another. We should always be looking for an opportunity to do something good for the household of faith.

This will help the Church to grow in good relationship with one another. We all are the children of one father, the members

of one household. Irrespective of any circumstances, we should always ensure that our relationship with one another should never be affected.

The more we relate with God, we should also maintain that good relationship with God's children within our Assembly. Our relationship with one another is the great testimony that we can show for to the world.

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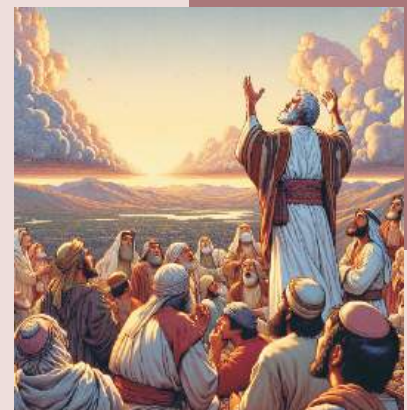
▶ OUTLINE

Sir ROBT MATHESON

RESTORATION AND VICTORY

(As seen in the days of Samuel)

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| 1. | The people lamented, | - | 1Samuel 7:2 |
| 2. | They put away strange gods, | - | 1Samuel 7:3 |
| 3. | They gathered together, | - | 1Samuel 7:6 |
| 4. | Offered a sucking lamb, | - | 1Samuel 7:9 |
| 5. | Gained the victory, | - | 1Samuel 7:10 |
| 6. | Set a up a testimony, | - | 1Samuel 7:12 |
| 7. | Samuel continued to circuit to Bethel, Gilgal,
And Mizpah and returned home to Ramah, | | 1Samuel 7:16 |



*“If you have one gift to give your children,
let it be discipline.”*

H. Ross Perot

VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE

A Study: Part 9
(Based on Joshua 1–8)

The Outcome of Victorious Life

We have considered the nine steps that Israelites took under the direction of Joshua to reach the other side of Jordan. As they faithfully followed the Word and yielded to God, He wonderfully divided River Jordan and helped them reach the Canaan side leaving the defeated life of wilderness.

This amazing passage through the river has confirmed number of realities. It is always true of our spiritual victories too. God's mighty work among His people has many repercussions. Let us consider few from Joshua chapters three and four:

1. Confirmed Joshua's Leadership, Josh. 3:7

Just before dividing Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you" (3:7). Joshua 4:14 says, "On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life".

Remember, true leaders are recognized not by their dictatorship but by their victorious and exemplary life.

2. Confirmed God's Presence with Israel, Josh. 3:10a

Joshua told them in advance, "By this you shall know that the living God is among you....." (3:10a).

A failed life not only makes one doubt God's presence with him, but also adversely affects other's faith. In fact, such a life is a dishonour to God's name.



3. Confirmed the Power of God, Josh. 4:24

Referring to the purpose of the monument erected at Gilgal, Joshua says, "that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

As this miracle happened when Jordan was overflowing all its banks (3:15) it was more incredible and shocking. To the people of the land, it was a powerful demonstration proving that Jehovah is mighty as they have heard already, 5:1. Same with our victories too; they are a testimony to the might of the Lord.

4. Confirmed the Impending Judgment upon the Enemies, Josh. 3:10b.

Joshua said, *"By this you shall know that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and"*.

Canaanite nations got the message from the passage of Jordan that the LORD God of Israel is Almighty. They also realized that the judgment for their wicked ways was near at hand. In Josh 5:1 we read, *"Their heart melted; and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the children of Israel"*.



Notice, our progress is a threat to the evil forces! Let the world know of the might of our God and the surety of its judgment, watching our victorious life. But often our life betrays our message and thus never a challenge to the enemy (cf. Jam. 4:7; Dan. 3:29; 4:25-27; 11:32).

5. An Inspiration to Future Generations, Josh. 4:6

About the purpose of using stones from the Jordan for the monument at Gilgal, Joshua further said, *"that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?'"*



Joshua wanted even the future generations - even you and I - to remember this miraculous work of God and be encouraged to follow this great God (cf. 4:6, 7, 22, 23)!

Our successful life encourages others to follow the Lord. At the same time, the defeated and miserable life of a believer will surely discourage others as well. **G&P**

To be continued (DV)

When the Faithful Face Deception: Six Divine Assurances

Those who fear God and believe in Jesus Christ often face seasons of deception, injustice, and deep sorrow in this world. During these dark moments, it is easy to feel forgotten. However, God never abandons His people. He looks upon us with profound love and executes justice in His perfect time.

Here are six powerful biblical truths that reveal how God responds when His children are wronged.

1. The God Who Sees, Genesis 16:13

You never have to suffer in isolation, thinking your pain goes unnoticed. God counts every tear. Just as He met Hagar in her deepest desperation in the wilderness, He sees you.

We serve a God who intimately knows our helplessness. Your silent agony is fully seen by Him.



2. The God of Justice, Romans 12:19 & Acts 7:9-10

When people deceive or betray us, our human instinct is to seek revenge. However, God calls us to step back and let Him vindicate us. Joseph was betrayed by his own brothers and wrongfully imprisoned, yet God raised him to the highest throne.

Even if the world rejects or cheats you, God will deliver absolute justice in His perfect timing.

3. The Healer of Broken Hearts, Psalms 147:3

Betrayal leaves deep, invisible emotional scars. Human words often fail to comfort a shattered soul, but God specializes in emotional restoration. When King Saul relentlessly hunted David, God guarded David's heart and eventually made him king.

You are not alone in your inner agony. The Creator of the universe is right beside you to bind up your wounds.

4. Turning Evil into Good, Genesis 50:20

The enemy and malicious people may plan your downfall, but God is the ultimate architect of restoration. Joseph's brothers

intended to destroy him, but God used that very betrayal to preserve an entire nation from famine.

God has the supernatural power to transform the harshest betrayals of your life into stepping stones for your spiritual growth.

5. Honouring the Faithful, Matthew 5:10 & Acts 7:56

This broken world may never acknowledge the wrongs done to you, and earthly courts may fail. However, unwavering faithfulness to God holds an eternal, heavenly weight of glory. When Stephen was falsely accused and stoned, heaven opened to welcome him.

In place of the public humiliation the world puts you through, God has reserved an eternal spiritual crown for His children.



6. The Call to Forgive, Luke 23:34; 6:37

The ultimate proof of our alignment with Christ is our ability to forgive those who intentionally caused us pain. Even while hanging on the brutal cross, Jesus prayed for His executioners.

Forgiveness does not excuse the behaviour of others, but it releases you from bitterness. When you choose to forgive, divine peace fills your heart.



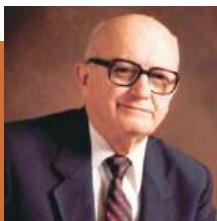
A Final Encouragement

If you are walking through a season of betrayal or injustice today, take heart. You are not hidden, and you are not forgotten. The world's deception cannot override God's destiny for your life. Trust the faithful God who sees, heals, and vindicates His own.

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“Discipline is the hidden ingredient that turns nobodies into somebodies.”

Author Unknown



“Righteous, godly discipline is necessary in order to maintain the character of the church.”

William MacDonald

▶ ANECDOTE -1

HIDDEN SIN OF THE DECENT MAN

On October 7, 1969 the Montreal, Canada police force went on strike. Because of what resulted, the day has been called ‘Montreal’s Night of Terror’ or ‘Black Tuesday’.

A burglar and a policeman were slain. Forty-nine persons were wounded or injured in rioting. Nine bank holdups were committed, almost a tenth of the total number of holdups the previous year. There were 17 robberies at gunpoint.

Usually disciplined, peaceful citizens joined the riffraff and went wild, smashing some 1000 plate glass windows in a stretch of 21 business blocks in the heart of the city, hauling away stereo units, radios, TVs and wearing apparel. While looters stripped windows of valuable merchandise, professional burglars entered stores by doors and made off with truckloads of goods.

A smartly dressed man hurried down a street with a fur coat over each arm with no police around, anarchy took over.

Doesn't this speak of the fallen, sinful heart of man, however civilized and decent he is? That's why the scripture says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?" (Jer 17:9).

Source: Unknown ■

▶ ANECDOTE -2

Backslider Restored

Many years ago, a preacher was going to a Sunday morning service to remember the Lord Jesus with the Lord's Supper. As he was passing through a village, he saw a Christian chopping wood to cook the Sunday dinner. Realizing that he was a faithful believer earlier but backslidden now, stopped and shouted to him, "The Lord is coming, brother, the Lord is coming". He did not say anything more. Those words reminding of the Lord's return pierced through his heart and cut his conscience. Within no time he was restored to the Lord and His people.



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