

Kingdom's Principles

(Part III)

The church of God, the Lord Jesus had planted, is a highly organized structure, governed and overseer by the power of the Holy Spirit and by the Word of God. The Holy Spirit also is continuously calling people to be accountable to lead the church and shepherd the flocks in the way of righteousness and according to God's word and His promises, as the word of God teaches us: *"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood."* (Acts 20:28)

God appeared in flesh when He sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."* (John 3: 16-17) Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He shed His blood to purchase us with a precious prize. The Church of God is the people who respond to Jesus' call and accept His sacrifice and His work on the cross to save them from sin and death. They are committed themselves to live their lives for Him. Now God will not leave His Church with out love and care but He would raise up people and put them in charge to care for the flock and keep the church in order and in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word that He gave us and we can read in the Bible.

One of His principles that He gave through His Word to His Church is How to deal with sin inside the body of Christ: *"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses'. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector."* (Matthew 18:15-17) A brother in the Church is a person for whom Jesus died on the cross and gave His blood for Him. If he would sin he need to be restored as the following, otherwise his sin will cause him condemnation and loss of eternity if he would not repent.

A) If your brother sins or sins against you: Sin must be purged out from the church. The sins that he has done would lead him to death and you need to deal with it. We are responsible for each other to care, to preserve, to teach, to correct, to admonish and to discipline.

B) Go and show him his fault, just between the two of you: Once you discover that your brother had sinned don't start to gossip and speaks to others about him, but you need to go to him and speak to him directly, Just between the two of you.

If you are the one who discovered his sin it is your responsibility to be the first one to go to him. Before you move bring the matter to the Lord, pray for your brother who sins or sins against you. Ask God forgiveness for his sin and ask God to grant him repentance. Pray that God would enable you to speak to him and to prepare his heart to listen. After a period of prayer go and speak to him you alone. Speak gently and speak the truth in love without compromising. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. Reconcile to him and everything is over and everything is settled.

C) But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter maybe established by the testimony of two or three witnesses: If he will not listen when you open the matter with him, then go to one or two mature brothers in the Lord and open the matter for them and ask them to help you to speak to the brother who sinned. When you open the matter to others they will pray with you for the issue and they will help you to take the right step. They will agree with you if that is your right, and if you are the one wrong they will explain it to you. The one or two that you will take along with you they will be as a witness to the sin that the brother did, and they will speak with him along with you and they will try to convince him to repent and take the right step to correct what he did wrong.

D) If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church: The third step to restore the brother who sin and to keep the church clean from sin is to tell what he did to the leaders of the church, those who are responsible to care for the flock. They ought to face him with the truth to repent and to keep the church and the fellowship of believers clean from sins.

E) And if he refuses to listen even to the Church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector: The final stage that the Church need to do is to excommunicate with the one who did such sin. To put him out of the Church fellowship and to be treated as a pagan or a tax collector. He will be treated as unbeliever since he refused to listen to Christ and His Word the Church had faces him with.

My dear and beloved: The Lord Jesus Christ is caring for each and every member of His body, the church. As well as He is so caring for the whole well being of His Church. He does not want sin to be in the mid of His people, and for His Church to be badly represented by the sin that not cleansed from. We should have the same mind of Christ to keep His Church and every member pure, holy and work together to purge it from sin as we agree to pray.

My prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to abide with Your Word in the way of restoring those who sin and to keep the church clean from sin. Lord give me the courage to observe that in my life and service unto you. Thank you Lord, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*