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Matthew 18:15-20 (ESV)

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you,

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that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Matthew 18:15-20 (ESV)

¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

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¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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Step One: Private Correction (vs. 15)

Galatians 6:1 (ESV)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

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Step Three: Church Admonition (vs. 17a)

Step Four: Church Excommunication (vs. 17b-20)

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“The purpose of church discipline is not punitive, but restorative. It is not to punish but to rescue sinners from harm. In every stage of discipline, from beginning to end, the goal is to bring back a sinner from his wandering and save his soul from death.”

-Joe Thorn

Proverbs 12:1 (ESV)

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,
but he who hates reproof is stupid.

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