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A CHURCH OF GOD IN WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS



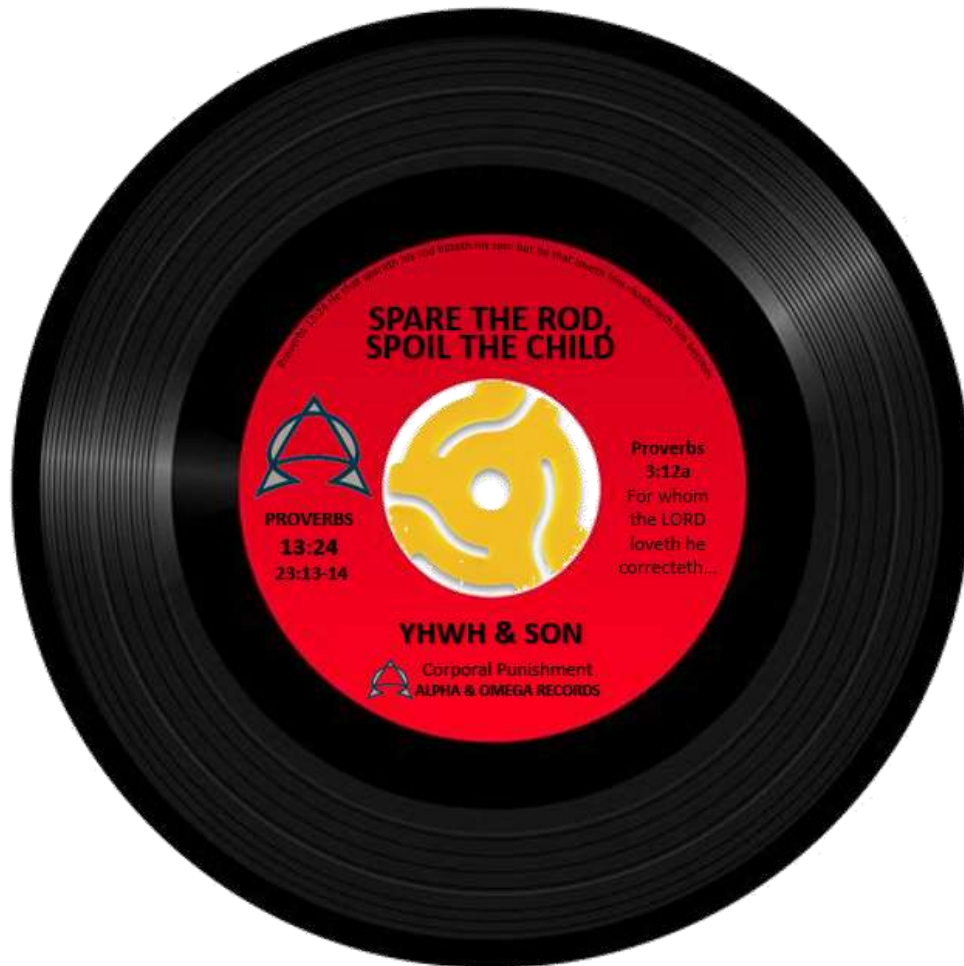
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GOD'S FATHERLY DISCIPLINE



God's Word Teaches Parents to Use Discipline

Proverbs 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son:
but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes

Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Proverbs 19:18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and
let not thy soul spare for his crying.

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Proverbs 23:13-14 Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.

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Discipline Shows God's Fatherly Love and Care

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord **loveth** he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he **receiveth**.

Proverbs 3:12 For whom the LORD **loveth** he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he **delighteth**.



The Purpose of God's Discipline

Hebrews 12:9-10 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; **but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness.**



God's Discipline is Proof of Sonship

Hebrews 12:7-8 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.



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Deuteronomy 8:5-6 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, **as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.** Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.



The Attitude Toward God's Discipline

Hebrews 12:4-5 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, **despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:**



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Job 5:17-18 Behold, happy *is* the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

Psalms 118:18 The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death



The Right Attitude Yields Fruit

Proverbs 3:11-13 My son, **despise not** the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his **correction**: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth. **Happy is the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.**



The Fruit of God's Discipline

Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

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Examples of God's Discipline

2 Samuel 7:14-15 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. **If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:** But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, **I rebuke and chasten:** be zealous therefore, and repent.

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- Jeremiah 2:19 **Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee:** know therefore and see that *it is* an evil *thing* and bitter, that thou hast **forsaken** the LORD thy God, and that my **fear** *is* not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.
- Jeremiah 5:25 Your iniquities have turned away these *things*, and **your sins have withholden good *things* from you.**
- Jeremiah 30:11 For I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: **but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.**



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Psalm 89:31-33 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

Days one thru six, you may pick up sticks
Not on seven says the God of Heaven

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Protect the Assembly – Maintain its Holy Fear

Numbers 15:32-36 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day. And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; **as the LORD commanded Moses.**



Protect the Assembly – Maintain its Holy Fear

2 Samuel 6:6-7 And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook *it*. **And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for *his* error; and there he died by the ark of God.**



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Numbers 16:30-35 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that *appertain* unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then **ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.** And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them: And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods. They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: **and they perished from among the congregation.** **And all Israel that *were* round about them fled at the cry of them:** for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up *also*. **And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.**




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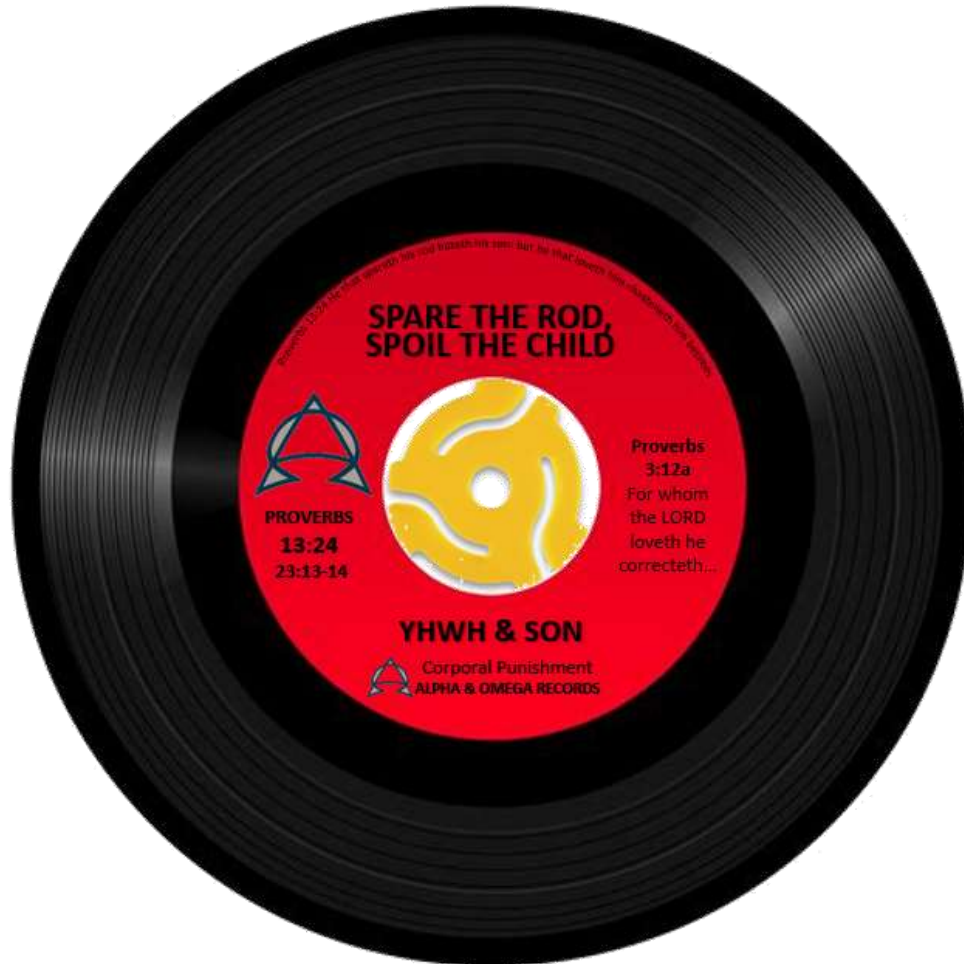
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Leviticus 10:1-3 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and **offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.** Then Moses said unto Aaron, *This is it* that the LORD spake, saying, **I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.**



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GOD'S LOVING DISCIPLINE

CONDUCTED THROUGH THE CHURCH ASSEMBLY



The Heart of Church Discipline: Love and Restoration

Matthew 18:12-14 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that *sheep*, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.



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4. **Discipline is essential for correcting sinful behavior and encouraging repentance, ultimately leading to restoration within the body of Christ**



NT Biblical Foundation for Church Discipline

1) Matthew 18:15-17

- a) Privately
- b) Witnesses
- c) Church

2) 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

- a) Public and hardline

3) Galatians 6:1-2; 2 Corinthians 2:5-8

- a) Restore



Matthew 18:15-17 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear *thee, then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

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.

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- A. **Leviticus 6:2** If a soul sin, and **commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour** in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour;
- B. **Numbers 5:6-7** Speak unto the children of Israel, When a man or woman shall **commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be guilty;** Then they shall confess their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth *part* thereof, **and give it unto him against whom he hath trespassed.**
- C. **Deuteronomy 15:9** Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil **against thy poor brother**, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, **and it be sin unto thee.**

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Psalm 51:4 **Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,**
and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest
be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear
when thou judgest.

1 Corinthians 8:12 But **when ye sin so against the**
brethren, and wound their weak conscience, **ye**
sin against Christ.

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1.) One-on-One Stage: “go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone”

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Leviticus 19:17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise **rebuke thy neighbour**, and not suffer sin upon him.

Ezekiel 33:8-9 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou shalt surely die; **if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way**, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, **if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it;** if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

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2.) Two or Three Witness Stage: “take with thee one or two more”

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Deuteronomy 19:15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: **at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses**, shall the matter be established.

Deuteronomy 17:6 At the mouth of **two witnesses, or three witnesses**, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

John 8:17 It is also written in your law, **that the testimony of two men is true.**



2 Witnesses Vs Elder: Take It To The Church

1 Timothy 5:19-20 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

REF: James 3:1 My brethren, be not many masters (i.e. teachers/instructors), knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

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3.) Whole Assembly Stage: “tell *it* unto the church”

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which **will not obey the voice** of his father, **or the voice** of his mother, and *that*, **when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:** Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and **bring him out unto the elders of his city,** and unto the gate of his place; And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son *is* stubborn and rebellious, **he will not obey our voice**; *he is* a glutton, and a drunkard. **And all the men of his city** shall stone him with stones, that he die: **so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.**

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Deuteronomy 13:9-11 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. **And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.**

Deuteronomy 19:19-20 Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. **And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.**

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4.) **Disfellowship Stage:** “let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican”

Numbers 19:20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he *is* unclean.

Numbers 15:31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, **that soul shall utterly be cut off;** his iniquity *shall be* upon him. **Numbers 15:35-36** And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

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- **PUBLICAN** = Strong's Greek Dictionary 5057. **τελωνης telones *tel-o'-nace*** from 5056 and 5608; a tax-farmer, i.e. collector of public revenue:—**publican**.

- **ROOT #1** → Strong's Greek Dictionary 5056. **τελος telos *tel'-os*** from a primary *tello* (to set out for a definite point or goal); properly, the point aimed at as a limit, i.e. (by implication) the conclusion of an act or state (termination (literally, figuratively or indefinitely), result (immediate, ultimate or prophetic), purpose); specially, an impost or levy (as paid):—+ continual, custom, end(-ing), finally, uttermost.
- **ROOT #2** → Strong's Greek Dictionary 5608. **ωνεομαι oneomai *o-neh'-om-ahee*** middle voice from an apparently primary *onos* (a sum or price); to purchase (synonymous with the earlier 4092):— buy.

Publican(s) is found in the following verses in the **KJV**: Mt 5:46-47; Mt 9:10-11; Mt 10:3; Mt 11:19; Mt 18:17; Mt 21:31-32; Mr 2:15-16; Lu 3:12; Lu 5:27,29-30; Lu 7:29,34; Lu 15:1; Lu 18:10-11,13; Lu 19:2



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- 1. Withdrawal of Fellowship**
- 2. (Obviously Exclusion from any Leadership and Service Roles)**
- 3. Prayer and Intercession**
- 4. Evangelistic Outreach**
- 5. Opportunity for Repentance and Restoration**

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Public Awareness = Swift Action

Galatians 2:11-14 But when Peter was come to Antioch, **I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.** For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, **he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.** And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that **they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel,** **I said unto Peter before *them* all,** **If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?**

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Corinthians 5:11-13- [Which we will examine in a few minutes]

2 Thessalonians 3:6 Now we **command** you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye **withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly**, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

Titus 3:9-11 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. **A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;** Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

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2 John 9-11 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, **receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:** For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and **have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.** Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

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1 Timothy 6:3-5 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud,

knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: **from such withdraw thyself.**

Romans 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them** which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and **avoid them.**

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Corinthians 5:1-3 It is reported commonly *that there is fornication among you*, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, **and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.** For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have **judged already**, as though I were present, *concerning* him that hath so done this deed,



Tough Love - Swift Decisive Action

1 Corinthians 5:4-6 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, **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. Your glorying *is* not good. **Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?**



1 Corinthians 5:7-8 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.



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Holy Public-a-Shun!

1 Corinthians 5:9-11 I wrote unto you in an epistle **not to company with fornicators:** Yet not altogether with the fornicators **of this world**, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you **not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.**





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1 Corinthians 5:12-13 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore **put away from among yourselves that wicked person.**





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Repentance Brings Swift Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 2:5-8 But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. Sufficient to such a man *is this punishment, which was inflicted* of many. **So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him,** lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. **Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.**

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Deadly Divine Discipline

Acts 5:1-4 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, **And kept back *part* of the price**, his wife also being privy *to it*, and **brought a certain part, and laid *it* at the apostles' feet**. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? **thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.**

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Acts 5:5-8 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried *him* out, and buried *him*. And it was about the space of three hours after, when **his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.** And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? **And she said, Yea, for so much.**

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Acts 5:9-11 Then Peter said unto her, **How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?**

behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out.

Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying *her* forth, buried *her* by her husband. **And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.**

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Proper Reverence and Fear Guards Us

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always **obeyed**, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

Hebrews 12:28-29 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may **serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.**

1 Peter 1:15-17 But as he which hath called you is holy, **so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, **pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:**



1 Peter 1:13-16 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

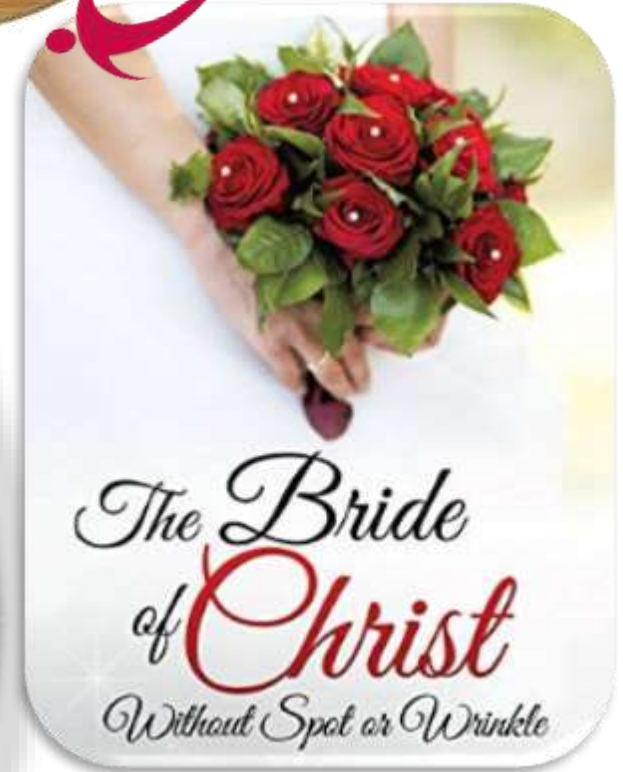
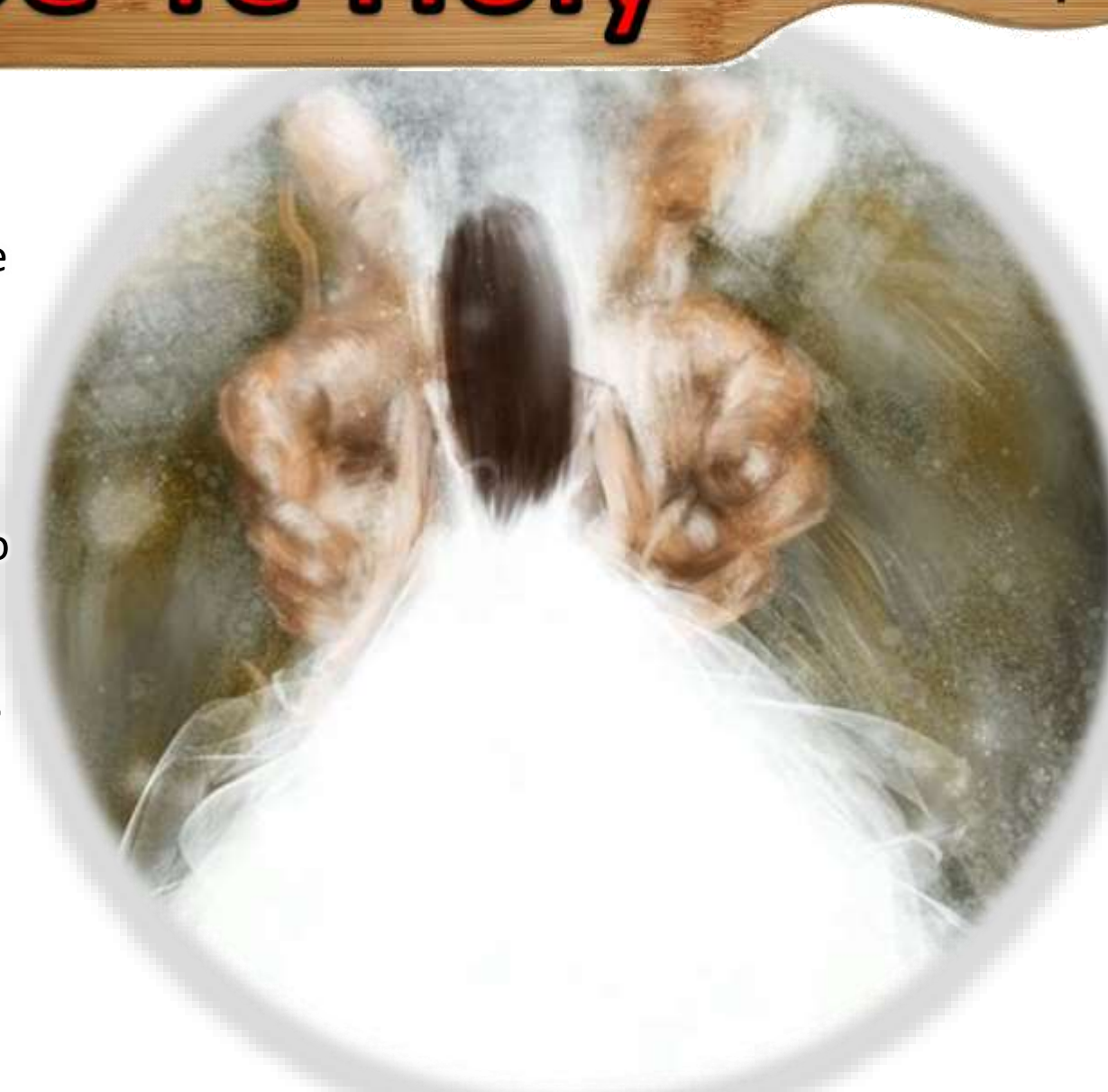


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Revelation 19:7-8 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and **his wife hath made herself ready**. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in **fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints**.





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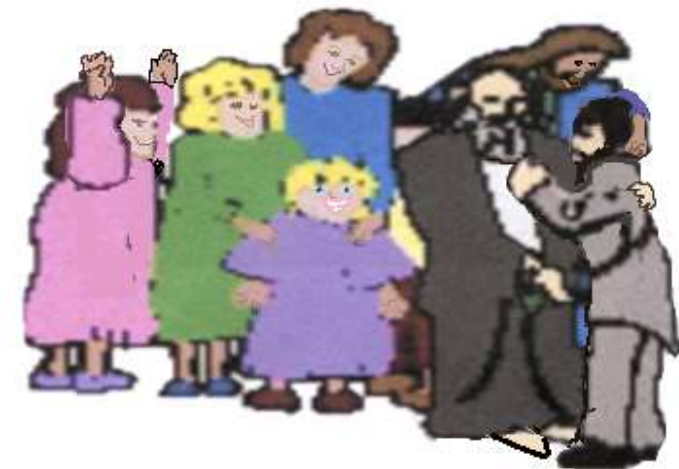


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