

# Judgment – Conflict – Discipline – Brothers, Pastors, Deacons

**Judgment** – Matthew 7:1-5 KJV Judge not, that ye be not judged. (2) For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. ... (5) Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

**Restoration of a Brother** – Galatians 6:1-2 KJV Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. (2) Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

**Conflict & Discipline Between Brothers** – Matthew 18:15-23 KJV 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. (16) 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. (17) 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. (18) Verily I say unto you, **Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven**. (19) Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. (20) **For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them**. (21) Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? (22) **Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven**. (23) Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

**Conflict & Discipline involving a Pastor** – 1 Timothy 5:19 KJV Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

(Therefore, in a strict sense, Matthew 18:15-18 doesn't apply to Pastors. However, the other witnesses can be certified documents, videos, recordings... doesn't have to be just people)

From my conversation with Pastor Cliff we agreed on the following:

1. A Pastor "reports" or "works for" God alone. (Acts 13:1-5 – Called by the Holy Spirit)
2. Pastoral Committees help a Pastor Candidates and the Local Church come to an understanding of God's Appointment to a church or not. (1 Timothy 5:21-22 – Be careful who you ordain)
3. Once installed Pastor is only answerable to God from a Biblical standpoint. (2 Cor 6:3...)
4. Therefore, from a Biblical standpoint a church cannot fire a Pastor. However it can bring accusations to light based on 1 Tim 5:19.

Did the Apostle Paul fire John Mark during the controversy between Paul and Barnabus? (Acts 15:36-41)

**Requirements of a Pastor**: Ephesians 4:11-12 KJV And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, **pastors** and teachers; (12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

**1 Timothy 3:1-7** KJV This is a true saying, If a man desire the **office of a bishop**, he desireth a good work. (2) A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; (3) Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; (4) One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (5) (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) (6) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. (7) Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

**Titus 1:5-9** KJV For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and **ordain elders in every city**, as I had appointed thee: (6) If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. (7) For a **bishop** must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; (8) But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; (9) Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

1 Peter 5:1-4 (Willing overseer and example), 1 Timothy 5:17 (Double honor for preaching and teaching), 1 Timothy 4:12 KJV Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity (youth pastor?).

#### **Requirements of a Deacon:**

**1 Timothy 3:8-13** KJV Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; (9) Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. (10) And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. (11) Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. (12) Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. (13) For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**Acts 6:1-6** KJV And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. (2) Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. (3) Wherefore, **brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.** (4) But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. (5) And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: (6) Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, **they laid their hands on them.**

Acts 20:28 KJV Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.