



Accountability is what BELIEVERS provide for each other.

Sin always DESTROYS!

Matthew 18:15-17

The goal in calling out sin is not RETRIBUTION but RESTORATION.

Church Discipline	
Small Circle	
Restoration	
Private	
Grace-Focused	
Measured	
Rational	
Spirit-led	



"Remember that sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay and cost you more than you're willing to pay."

– Adrian Rogers

Accountability is what the CHURCH provides for each other.

5 Beliefs or Behaviors That Require Accountability:

(1) Sexual immorality (*1 Corinthians 5:1-8*)

(2) Unwillingness to repent when sinning against a fellow believer (*Matthew 18:15-18*)

(3) Unwillingness to forgive a believer who is repentant (*Matthew 18:21-35*)

(4) Promoting and teaching false doctrine (*2 Timothy 3:1-8*)

(5) Divisiveness (*Titus 3:10-11*)

Titus 3:10-11, 1 Corinthians 5:1, 1 Corinthians 5:2



1. **GRIEVE the sin.** (*James 4:9-10*)

2. **JUDGE the sin.** (*1 Corinthians 5:3-5*)

– Make sure it's God's IDEA.

– Make sure you seek God's WISDOM from others.

– Make sure you are focused on God's PEOPLE.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13, Luke 9:54-56

If we focus on JUDGING the lost, we may hinder them from JOINING the family.

3. **REMOVE the sin.**



1 Corinthians 5:6

DESENSITIZATION!

- It's EXPECTED (hey...I never said I was going to be perfect)
- It's EXCUSED (I had a tough day...cut me some slack)
- It's MINIMIZED (just how bad is it really?)
- It's ACCEPTED (it's my little vice)
- It's CELEBRATED (God wants me to be happy).

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