

*Treasure in Earthenware Jars*

# THE DELICATE ART OF DISCIPLINE

2 Corinthians 2:5-11 Pew Bible p. 1143

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*This priceless treasure we hold, so to speak, in a common earthenware jar—to show that the splendid power of it belongs to God and not to us.*

2 Cor. 4:7 Phillips

## Discipline Is a Responsibility of the Local Church

What is discipline?

Discipline is a n\_\_\_\_\_ activity of the local church.

In the local church, discipline takes what two forms? Describe each.

Which form is referred to in our text for today?

Describe the incidence requiring discipline that Paul refers to in 1 Cor. 5.

A church has the responsibility and the obligation to d\_\_\_\_\_ its membership.

## The Motive for Discipline

What is the proper motive for discipline?

*...the Lord disciplines the one he loves...* Heb. 12:6.

How will discipline that is motivated by love manifest itself in the local church?

Proactively—

Reactively—

*If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they 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 they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. Matt. 18:15-17*

*Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? 1 Cor. 5:6*

## **The Dilemma of Discipline**

Describe the dilemma of discipline.

Why do we often avoid corrective discipline in church?

What are two common errors we should seek to avoid?

## **The Delicate Art of Discipline**

How does Paul model for us the “delicate art” of church discipline in his dealings with the Corinthian church?

How must we undertake discipline in the church?

***God calls the church and its members to the delicate art of discipline.***

What does the Lord want you to do as a result of this message?