

Correction in the Church
2 Thessalonians 3:14-18

- I. Stages of correction (2 Timothy 3:16)
 - A. Ignorant → Teaching (1 Thessalonians 2:13; 4:2, 13)
 - B. Forgetful → Reminding (2 Thessalonians 2:5)
 - C. Wavering → Commanding (2 Thessalonians 3:12)
 - D. Disobedient → Discipline (2 Thessalonians 3:14–15)
- II. Church discipline defined
- III. Objections to church discipline answered
 - A. But I thought we're not supposed to judge (Matthew 7:1; 1 Corinthians 5:12–13)
 - B. It's not loving (Proverbs 13:24)
 - C. It's none of my business (1 Corinthians 5:6b–7a)
 - D. I know cases where people have been deeply hurt by church discipline mistakes
- IV. Responding to sin
 - A. Responding inappropriately (Romans 1:29)

B. Responding biblically

1. Matthew 18 pattern (Matthew 18:15-20)

2. 1 Corinthians 5 pattern
 - a. Mourn over the unrepentant brother (1 Corinthians 5:2; Hebrews 3:12-13)

 - b. Rebuke as an act of mercy (James 5:19-20)

 - c. Break fellowship as a final resort (1 Corinthians 5:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:14)

 - d. Embracing a repentant brother (2 Corinthians 2:5-8)

V. Conclusion