

Giving God Honoring Counsel

Sunday June 20, 2021
Series: Genuine Ministry
Fathers Day Sunday

*“if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.”
1 Timothy 3:15 ESV*

I. Treat Others with Dignity

*“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”
Genesis 1:27 ESV*

Paul’s Perspective

*“Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.”
2 Corinthians 2:5–8 ESV*

How We Should Address Issues

*“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”
Matthew 18:15–17 ESV*

Three Step Process

- 1. One to One**
- 2. Two or Three**
- 3. Congregation**

*“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.”
Galatians 6:1 ESV*

II. Our Goal is Always Restoration

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2 Corinthians 2:6–7 ESV*

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2 Corinthians 2:5 ESV*

My Unresolved Issues Take on a Life of their Own

*“Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?”
1 Corinthians 5:6 ESV*

Mutual Resolution Restores Relationships

“Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” Luke 17:3–4 ESV

Evaluate My Own Heart First

“You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.” Matthew 7:5 ESV

I as the Offender Takes the Initiative

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I as the Offended Takes the Initiative

“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:23–24 ESV

I Am Obligated to Forgive even Unresolved Issues

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32 ESV

“so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.” 2 Corinthians 2:7 ESV

III. Protect My Church Family

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:10 ESV

“Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.” 2 Corinthians 2:10–11 ESV

“You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” John 8:44 ESV

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10 ESV

Is There Something the Lord would like me to address?

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34–35 ESV