

Discipline Matters

2 Corinthians 2:5-11

There is a time to judge

“For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough” (v6)

“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)

“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. . . 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)

There is a time to forgive

“so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed with excessive sorrow.” (v7)

“Then Peter came up and said to him, ‘Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.’” (Matthew 18:21-22)

There is a time to restore

“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.” (v10)

“When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ (John 21:15)