

Conflict in the Household of God

Matthew 18:15-20

ἐλέγχω – ‘show him/her their fault’

- **1. *To scrutinize or examine carefully, bring to light, lay open expose, set forth, reveal, demonstrate***
- **2. To bring a person to the point of recognizing wrongdoing, *convict,***
- The individual disciple is commanded to approach his brother or sister and attempt to set forth his/her guilt in such a way as to persuade them of sin and lead them to reconciliation.

Leviticus 19:16-18

- ¹⁶ 'You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and you are not to act against the life of your neighbour; I am the LORD.
 - ¹⁷ **'You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; Confront people directly so you will not be held guilty for their sin.**
- ¹⁸ 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself; I am the LORD.

MATTHEW 18:14-17

- ¹⁴ "So it is not *the* will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.
- ¹⁵ "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.
- ¹⁶ "But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that **BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.**
- ¹⁷ "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.

- A single witness may not testify against another person for any trespass or sin that he commits. A matter may be legally established only on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

(Deuteronomy 19:15)

We are not being disciplined by Jesus
to look at the world through rose
colored glasses..

We are being disciplined to see
things as they really are in the light
of God's Word

Galatians 6:1-3

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

² Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

³ If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important