

GRADUATE STUDIES IN CHURCH DISCIPLINE

COURSE 2: ONE-ON-ONE (Matthew 18:15)

March 1, 2026

HOW TO DETERMINE IF CONFRONTATION IS NECESSARY:

¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you..." Matthew 18:15 (BSB)

⁵⁰ "...whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother..." Matthew 12:50 (BSB)

- TEST #1: IS IT A _____ WITHIN MY _____ OF _____?

- YES? CONFRONTATION _____.

- NO? LET THE _____ CONFRONT THEM, NOT _____.

⁶ "Do not give dogs what is holy; do not throw your pearls before swine. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces." Matthew 7:6 (BSB)

- TEST #2: HAS THE PERSON _____ OR IS THE PROBLEM A _____ OR _____ ISSUE?

¹ "Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on his opinions. ²For one person has faith to eat all things, while another, who is weak, eats only vegetables. ³The one who eats everything must not belittle the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted him." Romans 14:1-3 (BSB)

- IF SIN? YOU _____ IT.

- IF PREFERENCE OR DEBATE? _____ WITHOUT A DESIRE FOR _____.

WHAT TO DO IF CONFRONTATION IS NECESSARY:

¹⁵ "...go and confront him privately." Matthew 18:15 (BSB)

- STEP 1: _____ THE SINNER, NOT _____.

- STEP 2: ADDRESS THE SIN _____ AND _____.

- STEP 3: _____ WITH THE PERSON _____

BECAUSE...

- ...IT KEEPS THE _____ AND SHOWS _____ FOR THE _____.
- GENERAL RULE: “NOT _____ NEEDS TO _____ WHAT _____.”
- ...IT'S THE BEST PATH TO _____/ _____.
- ...IT _____ THE _____.

THE MOTIVATION THAT MUST DRIVE THE CONFRONTATION:

¹⁵ “...If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.” Matthew 18:15 (BSB)

- THE CONFRONTER MUST BE MOTIVATED TO _____ SO THAT “_____” IS _____.
- THE CONFRONTER MUST BE MOTIVATED TO _____ THE _____, AND ACHIEVE _____ FOR THE PERSON.

¹ “Brothers, if someone is caught in a trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him with a spirit of gentleness.” Galatians 6:1 (BSB)

BOTTOM LINE:

_____ AS YOU _____ TO BE _____.

NEXT STEPS

- **FAMILY STORY NIGHT**
 - Friday March 13th. A live action reading of several of Aesop’s fables. Bring the kids and grandkids and enjoy a special night out together.
- **BAPTISM INTERVIEW SIGNUPS**
 - Baptism Celebration is on March 29th. Signups for baptism interviews available now.