

*Called to be*  
**Saints**

STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS

***What Church Discipline  
Accomplishes***

**1 Corinthians 5:1-8**

- 1. God expects His people to embrace His standards for sexual purity.**
- 2. God calls us to confront a fellow believer who is openly engaged in obvious sin.**

**3. God calls the church to cast out a believer who refuses to repent and who persists in sin.**

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**A. God uses church discipline to provoke a sinning believer to repent.**

## 1 Timothy 1:19-20

“Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: 20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.”

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**B. God uses church discipline to protect the spiritual health of the assembly.**

## Exodus 12:14

**“And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.”**

## **Matthew 13:33**

**“Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.”**

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**B. God uses church discipline to protect the spiritual health of the assembly.**

**C. God uses church discipline to preserve a testimony for Christ before the watching world.**

# **God uses church discipline ...**

**A. For the sake of the sinning believer.**

**B. For the sake of the assembly.**

**C. For the sake of a watching world.**