

key to this type of 'judgement' is seen in 1Corinthians 5:1

*“When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.”*

1 Corinthians 5:1

1. When the church judges the aim is to bring the sinful person to back to salvation.

*“The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.”*

2 Corinthians 2:6-8

1. There has been an element of punishment.
2. The person has felt sorrow.
3. As a church those who have punished him need to love him.
4. Would you find judgement like this difficult?

# DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

LESSON 40 CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE FAMILY

*“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”*

Ephesians 6:4

1. There can be avoidable conflict in the family.
2. A way around this is to make sure the family has a spiritual heart to their life together

*“People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.”*

2 Timothy 3:2

1. People will have objectionable traits of character that will cause disputes.
2. People with these traits will not love God.
3. Have you noticed that this is happening?

*“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.”*

*Matthew 5:23*

1. In preparation for worship we should be taking into account our daily life.
2. Disputes with people have spiritual consequences.
3. Who is to take the initiative in resolving a problem?
4. How would you 'leave your gift at the altar'?

*"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony 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, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector."*

*Matthew 18:14*

1. We are to point out faults of those who have hurt us. The first stage is to go to the person direct—and on your own.

2. The second stage, if there is no resolution is to try again with a witness.
3. The third stage, if still no change, is to take the problem to the church.
4. The final stage could be that the person would be treated as a pagan.
5. Have you noted any instance of the resolution of conflict using this method?

*"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

*Matthew 7:1,2*

1. We are not to judge people in certain settings.
2. If we do judge others we will be judged by the same measure.
3. When would we be free to judge others?

*"Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!"*

*1 Corinthians 6:3*

1. We will judge angels.
2. There are things we are to judge in this life. A