

CLASS 6: LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATION, PART III: MEMBERSHIP & DISCIPLINE

6.1 A BIBLICAL DEFENSE OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. Early local churches recognized who was _____ and who was _____ (1 Cor 5:1-2, 11-13)
- B. Early local churches had _____ votes (2 Cor 2:6-7; Acts 15:22a)
- C. Early local churches kept _____ (1 Tim 5:9, 11)
- D. Early local churches sent letters of _____ (Rom 16:1; Acts 18:27a)
- E. Early local churches kept record of _____ (Acts 16:5, etc.)
- F. Early local churches required _____ (Heb 10:24-25)

6.2 A PRACTICAL DEFENSE OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. Churches cannot legally _____ non-members
- B. The membership process has proved to thwart potential _____
- C. Membership helps solve practical _____ issues

6.3 BETHANY'S MEMBERSHIP PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. Attend the _____ Class
 4. Meet with our _____
 5. Congregational _____
- Membership has its _____
 - Membership has its _____

6.4 CONGREGATIONAL AUTHORITY

Philippians 1:1, Hebrews 13:17 –

Members of local congregations were involved in:

- A. _____ Selection (Acts 1:15-23, 6:2-3, 14:23)
- B. _____ Missionaries (2 Cor 8:18-19, Acts 14:26-27)
- C. Matters Pertaining to Membership and _____ (Mt 18:17, 1 Cor 5, 2 Cor 2:4-5)
- D. _____ Issues (Acts 15:22a, Gal 1:9)
- E. Affirming and Supporting _____ (Heb 13:17, 1 Th 5:12-13, 1 Tim 5:19)

6.5 CHURCH DISCIPLINE

- The Goal: To encourage a believer to _____ of continual, public sin.

- The Purposes of Church Discipline:

- 1) Church Discipline _____ godly members of the church
- 2) Church Discipline _____ ungodly members to repent
- 3) Church Discipline keeps the church _____ from sin

Step One: _____ Confrontation (Matt 18:15)

Step Two: _____ Confrontation (Matt 18:16)

Step Three: _____ Confrontation (Matt 18:17a)

Step Four: _____ (Matt 18:17b)

~ What happens if the person then repents? (2 Cor 2:5-8)

~ How do we know if it's genuine repentance? (2 Cor 7:9-11)

~ Is church discipline only for church leaders? (Gal 6:1, 1 Tim 5:19)

- Other Passages: Titus 3:10-11, Rom 16:17, 1 Cor 5:5, 1 Tim 1:19b

6.6 RESOURCES

What is a Healthy Church Member? by Thabiti M. Anyabwile

Handbook of Church Discipline: A Right and Privilege of Every Church Member by Jay Adams

Church Discipline: How the Church Protects the Name of Jesus by Jonathan Leeman