

# Church Purity

New Members Class Today:

*What Is a Church?*

*What Is a Great Church?*

# Solomon's Temple?



# Or a Church like This?



**New Providence Predestinarian Baptist Church, DeWitt County, Illinois about 1908**

# What Is a Church? (1)

God's Temple

Spirit's House

Christ's Body

Potentate's Property

Scripture Repository

Treasure Chest

# What Is a Church? (2)

Christ's Prophecy

Angelic Wonder

Heavenly Connection

Royal Commission

Truth Defender

Salvation Source

# What Is a Church? (3)

Worship Center

Reality Check

God's Seminary

Small Claims Court

Welfare Agency

Prayer Band

# What Is a Church? (4)

Competent Counselors

Synergistic Support

Replacement Family

Best Friends

Heaven's Executioner

Living Organism



# What Is a Church? (5)

Freedom Park

Support Group

Lord's Supper

Praise Band

United Nations

Secret Society

# What Is a Church? (6)

Mega Church

Christ's Bride

Hidden Wisdom

Do you grasp a little how  
great the church of God is?

Do you grasp a little how  
great our duty to protect it?

# Church Purity

Would to God ye could bear with me  
a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.  
For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy:  
for I have espoused you to one husband,  
that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

II Corinthians 11:1-2

# Church Purity Is a N.T. Doctrine

- Paul was forced to folly of defending his motives and methods.
- God gave the church like a bride to Jesus, to be a chaste virgin.
- Paul feared false teachers, members, and doctrine that seduce.
- Paul's obsessive loyalty was to Christ, not the church or any in it.
- He, I, and then you are to be perfectly faithful as a wife to Jesus.

Anything that spoils or threatens  
the church's purity must be  
put away from us.



Anything that seduces or tempts  
you to flirt with heresy or the  
world must be stopped cold.

To grasp the lesson, God says any flirting with the world is spiritual adultery, and He does not hold back in His graphic description.

This study has also been called Church Due Process, and it was preached three years and three months ago for a discipline case.

# A Chaste Virgin Is Our Goal to Jesus Christ

- We cannot be today's average church; we go above and beyond.
- They flirt with heresy, worldly everything, sinners, and neglect.
- Here is a summary of ecclesiology for pastors and pure churches.
- How to manage a church and its discipline to be pure for Christ.
- Many links at the end will make this overview rather complete.

I have taught all five spheres of authority, defining and defending fathers, husbands, employers, and civil rulers thoroughly.

An outline in summary format is available that has many more scriptures for each point.

## **Purity #1**

Paul promised churches would have heresies (as at Corinth) to reveal God's true children committed to truth.

For there must be also heresies among you,  
that they which are approved  
may be made manifest among you.

I Corinthians 11:19



## **Purity #2**

Heresy or heretic are often misunderstood. They only mean false doctrine or practice. They do not mean a person is a reprobate.

But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies,  
and contentions, and strivings about the law;  
for they are unprofitable and vain.

A man that is an heretick after the  
first and second admonition reject;  
Knowing that he that is such is subverted,  
and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

Titus 3:9-11

## **Purity #3**

Faithful churches pray for God to rid them of strange children, for hypocrites bring a curse like Achan did and restrict God's blessings.

Send thine hand from above;  
rid me, and deliver me out of great waters,  
from the hand of strange children;  
Whose mouth speaketh vanity,  
and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

Psalm 144:7-8

## **Purity #4**

God killed N.T. church members for “minor” sins e.g. Ananias and Sapphira and many at Corinth, proving His severity against heretics.

I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

Galatians 5:12

## **Purity #5**

Do not play with the church of God by neglect, rebellion, or mockery in fact or implied by your attitude or conduct.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God,  
and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?  
If any man defile the temple of God,  
him shall God destroy;  
for the temple of God is holy,  
which temple ye are.

I Corinthians 3:16-17



## **Purity #6**

Most churches do not teach Bible examples and rules, so new converts or the simple may be confused, not knowing church doctrine.

These things write I unto thee,  
hoping to come unto thee shortly:  
But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how  
thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God,  
which is the church of the living God,  
the pillar and ground of the truth.

I Timothy 3:14-15

## **Purity #7**

An exclusion is never a surprise; the excluded are corrected, rebuked, and warned before it occurs; the church is given time to prepare.

This is the third time I am coming to you.  
In the mouth of two or three witnesses  
shall every word be established.  
I told you before, and foretell you,  
as if I were present, the second time;  
and being absent now I write to them  
which heretofore have sinned, and to all other,  
that, if I come again, I will not spare:  
Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me,  
which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.

II Corinthians 13:1-3

## **Purity #8**

Church exclusion is to save, if the sinners are erring elect, as Paul explained and taught it, which should guide our attitude and action.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
when ye are gathered together, and my spirit,  
with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
To deliver such an one unto Satan  
for the destruction of the flesh,  
that the spirit may be saved  
in the day of the Lord Jesus.

I Corinthians 5:4-5

## **Purity #9**

We celebrate repentance more than most (or more than all) with fatted-calf feasts to match angels in heaven and Jesus' lessons.

But the father said to his servants,  
Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him;  
and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:  
And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it;  
and let us eat, and be merry:  
For this my son was dead, and is alive again;  
he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Luke 15:22-24



## **Purity #10**

We discriminate against fools and scorners, as the Bible teaches and requires in both testaments, lest we be fools like them.

He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame:  
and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.

Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee:  
rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

Proverbs 9:7-8

## **Purity #11**

We pray for recovery of excluded brethren regularly, trusting God to save erring children and to save us from excluded reprobates.

If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death,  
he shall ask, and he shall give him life  
for them that sin not unto death.

There is a sin unto death:  
I do not say that he shall pray for it.

I John 5:16

## **Purity #12**

You cannot improve discipline being gentler or harsher than scripture; the best hope of success is doing it His way without alteration.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God,  
and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof,  
for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect,  
thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

II Timothy 3:16-17

## **Purity #13**

A pastor's greatest fear is weak members unable to discern ... grasp instructions ... rule emotions ... or honor God over persons.

But though we,  
or an angel from heaven,  
preach any other gospel unto you  
than that which we have preached unto you,  
let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:8



## **Purity #14**

Every church has carnal members – belly worshippers by worldly minds – which Paul condemned as the enemies of Jesus Christ.

(For many walk,  
of whom I have told you often,  
and now tell you even weeping,  
that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:  
Whose end is destruction,  
whose God is their belly,  
and whose glory is in their shame,  
who mind earthly things.)

Philippians 3:18-19

## **Purity #15**

Preaching pricks or cuts; it is death unto death or life unto life; it is used intentionally for those ends to expose saints and sinners.

For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ,  
in them that are saved, and in them that perish:  
To the one we are the savour of death unto death;  
and to the other the savour of life unto life.  
And who is sufficient for these things?

II Corinthians 2:15-16

## **Purity #16**

Jesus the perfect Pastor pricked and cut – He pricked His children for repentance and cut belly worshippers to expose their hypocrisy.

Then came his disciples, and said unto him,  
Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended,  
after they heard this saying?

But he answered and said, Every plant,  
which my heavenly Father hath not planted,  
shall be rooted up.

Let them alone:

they be blind leaders of the blind.

And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Matthew 15:12-14

## **Purity #17**

The difference in response – pricked or cut – is not due to content or presentation but rather the heart condition of hearers.

Take heed therefore how ye hear:  
for whosoever hath, to him shall be given;  
and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken  
even that which he seemeth to have.

Luke 8:18



## **Purity #18**

Faithful pastors dig and dung fruitless members, if they pose no threat to others; they let God cut them down in His own time.

Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard,  
Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree,  
and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?  
And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone  
this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:  
And if it bear fruit, well: and if not,  
then after that thou shalt cut it down.

Luke 13:7-9

## **Purity #19**

Faithful pastors quickly drive wolves out. If a foolish or fruitless member is respected, he will be removed quickly to protect the flock.

I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes,  
who loveth to have the preeminence  
among them, receiveth us not.

Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds  
which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words:  
and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive  
the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would,  
and casteth them out of the church.

III John 1:9-10

## **Purity #20**

Faithful pastors dig and dung wheat and tares, trusting Jesus' doctrine to His apostles that they will be exposed on Judgment Day.

The field is the world;  
the good seed are the children of the kingdom;  
but the tares are the children of the wicked one;  
The enemy that sowed them is the devil;  
the harvest is the end of the world;  
and the reapers are the angels.  
As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire;  
so shall it be in the end of this world.

Matthew 13:38-40

## **Purity #21**

Pastors must be friends and foes; they must war against members' thoughts and ideas, and they also give nursing care and comfort.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:  
(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty  
through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)  
Casting down imaginations, and every high thing  
that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God,  
and bringing into captivity every thought  
to the obedience of Christ;  
And having in a readiness to revenge  
all disobedience, when your  
obedience is fulfilled.

II Corinthians 10:3-6



## **Purity #22**

Pastors may use public rebukes short of exclusion. They are authorized, illustrated, and encouraged for the sinners and others.

Them that sin rebuke before all,  
that others also may fear.

I Timothy 5:20

I beseech Euodias,  
and beseech Syntyche,  
that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

Philippians 4:2

Smite a scorner,  
and the simple will beware:  
and reprove one that hath understanding,  
and he will understand knowledge.

Proverbs 19:25

## **Purity #23**

Pastors love mercy like Jesus their Master, so they will show it short of sinful compromise to cover a multitude of private sins.

But if ye had known what this meaneth,  
I will have mercy, and not sacrifice,  
ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

Matthew 12:7

It is reported commonly  
that there is fornication among you,  
and such fornication as is not so much as named  
among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

I Corinthians 5:1

## **Purity #24**

Jesus promised to divide families as a test and cost of true disciples, which must be remembered and honored over family ties.



Think not that I am come to send peace on earth:  
I came not to send peace, but a sword....  
And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.  
He that loveth father or mother more than me  
is not worthy of me: and he that loveth  
son or daughter more than me  
is not worthy of me.

Matthew 10:34-37

## **Purity #25**

God may ask for your Isaac. Will you, like faithful Abraham, zealously execute the sacrifice for God's house, truth, and worship.

And it came to pass after these things,  
that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him,  
Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.  
And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac,  
whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah;  
and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one  
of the mountains which I will tell thee of.  
And Abraham rose up early in the morning....

Genesis 22:1-3

## **Purity #26**

God wisely measures zeal for Him and truth by family and friends, and He expects you to be the first to execute judgment on heretics.

If thy brother, the son of thy mother,  
or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom,  
or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly,  
saying, Let us go and serve other gods....  
Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him;  
neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare,  
neither shalt thou conceal him:  
But thou shalt surely kill him;  
thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death,  
and afterwards the hand of all the people.

Deuteronomy 13:6-11

## **Purity #27**

Moses promised God's blessing on sons of Levi that would consecrate themselves to the LORD by killing family and friends for the calf.

Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said,  
Who is on the LORD'S side? let him come unto me.

And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves  
together unto him.

And he said unto them,

Thus saith the LORD God of Israel,

Put every man his sword by his side,

and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp,

and slay every man his brother,

and every man his companion,

and every man his neighbour.

Exodus 32:26-29

## **Purity #28**

God gave Phinehas and his family a huge reward for zealously using a javelin instead of crying with the church's weak compromisers.



And when Phinehas,  
the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it,  
he rose up from among the congregation,  
and took a javelin in his hand;  
And he went after the man of Israel into the tent,  
and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel,  
and the woman through her belly.  
So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

Numbers 25:7-8

## **Purity #29**

A person with faith may appear calloused at such times, for they have God and persons in their proper places, like David and Job.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned;  
but he honoureth them that fear the LORD.

Psalm 15:4

I will early destroy all the wicked of the land;  
that I may cut off all wicked doers  
from the city of the LORD.

Psalm 101:8

## **Purity #30**

God will replace family 100-fold lost in the line of duty for loving and obeying Him over relationships of family and friends or assets.

And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you,  
There is no man that hath left house, or brethren,  
or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children,  
or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,  
But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time,  
houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers,  
and children, and lands, with persecutions;  
and in the world to come eternal life.

Mark 10:29-30

## **Purity #31**

You must believe God over and against feelings to obey for a blessing; sentimentality will cause compromise and cost you greatly.

Thine eye shall not pity him,  
but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel,  
that it may go well with thee.

Deuteronomy 19:13



Chasten thy son while there is hope,  
and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

Proverbs 19:18

The rod and reproof give wisdom:  
but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

Proverbs 29:15

## **Purity #32**

Separation from heretics is a N.T. rule for both churches and pastors taught repeatedly.

Now I beseech you, brethren,  
mark them which cause divisions and offences  
contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned;  
and avoid them.

For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ,  
but their own belly; and by good words and fair  
speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

Romans 16:17-18

## **Purity #33**

Separation improves church quality like little else, because faithful churches replace belly worshippers with fervent believers from God.

Praising God, and having favour with all the people.  
And the Lord added to the church daily  
such as should be saved.

Acts 2:47

## **Purity #34**

Pruning removes fruitless members – bad examples and unhappy souls; growth occurs; worship improves; prayers are enhanced.

But the children of Israel committed  
a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan,  
the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah,  
of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing:  
and the anger of the LORD was kindled  
against the children of Israel.

Joshua 7:1



## **Purity #35**

Pastors must make diligent inquisition and determine facts of each case and never rush to judgment foolishly lest good souls be hurt.

If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities,  
which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there ...  
Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently;  
and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain,  
that such abomination is wrought among you;  
Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city  
with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly,  
and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof,  
with the edge of the sword.

Deuteronomy 13:12-18

## **Purity #36**

Pastors, like fathers, are to be followed in applying scripture or ruling due to their office, purpose of life, and church covenant.

Remember them which have the rule over you,  
who have spoken unto you the word of God:  
whose faith follow, considering the  
end of their conversation.

Hebrews 13:7

Obey them that have the rule over you,  
and submit yourselves: for they  
watch for your souls,  
as they that must give account,  
that they may do it with joy, and not with grief:  
for that is unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:17

## **Purity #37**

The Bible allows considerable pastoral and church liberty in many things, as long as the content and orderliness of worship is kept.

How is it then, brethren? when ye come together,  
every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine,  
hath a tongue, hath a revelation,  
hath an interpretation.

Let all things be done unto edifying.

I Corinthians 14:26

## **Purity #38**

Pastors must rule in subjective areas or controversies where scripture may appear to contradict to rightly judge holy and profane .



And they shall teach my people  
the difference between the holy and profane,  
and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.  
And in controversy they shall stand in judgment;  
and they shall judge it according to my judgments:  
and they shall keep my laws and  
my statutes in all mine assemblies;  
and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

Ezekiel 44:23-24

## **Purity #39**

Offenders against pastors will pay for their presumption, for God views such arrogance and insubordination as rebellion against Him.

And Moses said, This shall be,  
when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat,  
and in the morning bread to the full;  
for that the LORD heareth your murmurings  
which ye murmur against him: and what are we?  
your murmurings are not against us,  
but against the LORD.

Exodus 16:8

And the LORD said unto Samuel,  
Hearken unto the voice of the people  
in all that they say unto thee:  
for they have not rejected thee,  
but they have rejected me,  
that I should not reign over them.

I Samuel 8:7

These things speak, and exhort,  
and rebuke with all authority.  
Let no man despise thee.

Titus 2:15

## **Purity #40**

God's judgment confirms – Miriam and Uzziah got leprosy; Korah and all were buried alive; 42 children were torn by she bears; etc.

And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know  
that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works;  
for I have not done them of mine own mind.  
If these men die the common death of all men,  
or if they be visited after the visitation of all men;  
then the LORD hath not sent me.  
But if the LORD make a new thing,  
and the earth open her mouth,  
and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them,  
and they go down quick into the pit;  
then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

Numbers 16:28-30

## **Purity #41**

Pastors can make errors for sure; they should be respectfully questioned before rejection, but this is a small issue in rebellious times.



Against an elder receive not an accusation,  
but before two or three witnesses.

I Timothy 5:19

Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ,  
and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Moreover it is required in stewards,  
that a man be found faithful.

But with me it is a very small thing  
that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment:  
yea, I judge not mine own self.

For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified:  
but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

I Corinthians 4:1-5

## **Purity #42**

Churches should review and recommit to their church covenant when they receive new members, so none can claim ignorance or excuse themselves from their duties later.

Now I beseech you, brethren,  
by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that ye all speak the same thing,  
and that there be no divisions among you;  
but that ye be perfectly joined together  
in the same mind and in the same judgment.

I Corinthians 1:10

Be of the same mind one toward another.

Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate.

Be not wise in your own conceits.

Romans 12:16

## **Purity #43**

Pastors should present the least amount of public sins necessary to satisfy consciences with certain facts, for protecting reputations, and for simpler future restoration.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger,  
and clamour, and evil speaking,  
be put away from you,  
with all malice:

And be ye kind one to another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:31-32

And of some have compassion, making a difference:  
And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire;  
hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Jude 1:22-23



## **Purity #44**

Pastors may prudently end communication with rebels after they are identified to protect the flock and manage smooth discipline by enough existing evidence.

# Cutting Off Communication with Rebels

- He measures the profit versus the risk whether any hope of gain.
- Efforts after the fact are lame, hypocritical, and can be offensive.
- Paul did not tell the Corinthians to do any such thing (1 Cor 5:1-7,13).
- More opinions by uninformed witnesses can create confusion.
- Members will never be asked to exclude without sufficient proof.
- The sinners may be scorners, forfeiting rebuke (Pr 9:7-8; Matt 7:6).
- Public sinners do not need coddling, or feel needed, but shamed.
- Provoking enemies or scorners leads to unnecessary charges.
- You may expose yourself foolishly to a devilish spirit (1 Cor 15:33).
- Members' opinions are irrelevant. Churches are monarchies.

## **Purity #45**

Scorners before and after exclusion are treated differently – they are rejected by wise men for twisting truth and hurting men.

Cast out the scorner,  
and contention shall go out;  
yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

Proverbs 22:10

Proud and haughty scorner is his name,  
who dealeth in proud wrath.

Proverbs 21:24

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs,  
neither cast ye your pearls before swine,  
lest they trample them under their feet,  
and turn again and rend you.

Matthew 7:6

## **Purity #46**

Fools before and after exclusion are treated differently – they are slighted and ignored for stupidity, since correction will not succeed.

Speak not in the ears of a fool:  
for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

Proverbs 23:9



Though thou shouldst bray a fool  
in a mortar among wheat with a pestle,  
yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

Proverbs 27:22

## **Purity #47**

Different treatment for character or conduct  
comforts the godly, warns the simple,  
ignores scorners. Humble get love and effort.

A reproof entereth more into a wise man  
than an hundred stripes into a fool.

Proverbs 17:10

## **Purity #48**

We do not immediately embrace the penitent. They need fruits of repentance like others; words are cheap. The fornicator at Corinth had suffered for some time.

But when he saw many of the  
Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism,  
he said unto them, O generation of vipers,  
who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?  
Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

Matthew 3:7-8

## **Purity #49**

Before excluded members, where clear shunning is commanded, what does a Christian have in common with unbelievers?

Can two walk together,  
except they be agreed?

Amos 3:3

Be not deceived:  
evil communications corrupt good manners.

I Corinthians 15:33



## **Purity #50**

Christians must examine themselves for any sins to prove they are not reprobates, lest they be hypocrites in judging others.

Thou hypocrite,  
first cast out the beam out of thine own eye;  
and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out  
the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Matthew 7:5

## **Purity #51**

Authority is God's ordinance like baptism or charity – all five spheres – so any balking, criticizing, or rebelling is against God Himself.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers.  
For there is no power but of God:  
the powers that be are ordained of God.  
Whosoever therefore resisteth the power,  
resisteth the ordinance of God: and they  
that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Romans 13:1-2

## **Purity #52**

Bitterness (unresolved offences or grudges) is great evil, flunks God's grace, and will grow, trouble a church, and defile many.

Looking diligently  
lest any man fail of the grace of God;  
lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you,  
and thereby many be defiled;

Hebrews 12:15

Thou shalt not avenge,  
nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people,  
but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:18

## **Purity #53**

Criticism of church or pastor sows discord and violates church unity, and God hates all that do so and those that listen to them.



These six things doth the LORD hate:  
yea, seven are an abomination unto him ...  
he that soweth discord among brethren.

Proverbs 6:16-19

A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips;  
and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

Proverbs 17:4

The north wind driveth away rain:  
so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

Proverbs 25:23

## **Purity #54**

Pride and self-righteousness lead to haughty, negative spirits that find fault with everyone and everything and will not listen to reproof.

Only by pride cometh contention:  
but with the well advised is wisdom.

Proverbs 13:10

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit?  
there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Proverbs 26:12

## **Purity #55**

Rebuking members verbally or by angry faces is necessary for church preservation and prosperity by apostolic order from Paul.

Now we exhort you, brethren,  
warn them that are unruly,  
comfort the feebleminded,  
support the weak,  
be patient toward all men.

I Thessalonians 5:14



## **Purity #56**

Leaven must be kept out of the church, by vigilance of pastor and people, which can be false doctrine and/or public sinners.

Your glorying is not good.  
Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?  
Purge out therefore the old leaven,  
that ye may be a new lump,  
as ye are unleavened.

For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:  
Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven,  
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness;  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I Corinthians 5:6-8

## **Purity #57**

Passive rebellion is children avoiding parents or members not loving or engaging with church services, members, or preaching.

A servant will not be corrected by words:  
for though he understand he will not answer.

Proverbs 29:19

## **Purity #58**

Quitting does not work. Not attending is forsaking the assemblies and breaking your covenant. Spouses cannot walk out after vows or soldiers go AWOL after swearing-in.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith  
without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)  
And let us consider one another to provoke  
unto love and to good works:  
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,  
as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another:  
and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:23-25

## **Purity #59**

Good or bad inputs are crucial; they affect persons greatly; wise members will observe lifestyle choices of others and see trouble.

No man can serve two masters:  
for either he will hate the one, and love the other;  
or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.  
Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Matthew 6:24



## **Purity #60**

Gene examination means you may repeat faults of parents, as the nature, example, ideas, and priorities are given to children.

Behold, every one that useth proverbs  
shall use this proverb against thee, saying,  
As is the mother, so is her daughter.

Ezekiel 16:44

## **Purity #61**

Cold is better than lukewarm in some ways, as Jesus taught, but lukewarm souls should repent, not turn cold in arrogant rebellion.

So then because thou art lukewarm,  
and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth....  
As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten:  
be zealous therefore, and repent.

Revelation 3:14-22

## **Purity #62**

Hate hypocrisy, especially in exclusions, but imperfect judgment, like imperfect authority, is better than no judgment or no authority.

Then spake Jesus to the multitude,  
and to his disciples, saying,  
The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:  
All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe,  
that observe and do; but do not ye after their works:  
for they say, and do not.

Matthew 23:1-3

## **Purity #63**

Practicing Bible discipline and separation as shown will make us all and you different from today's compromising Christians.

For the time will come  
when they will not endure sound doctrine;  
but after their own lusts shall they heap to  
themselves teachers, having itching ears;  
And they shall turn away their ears from the truth  
and shall be turned unto fables.

II Timothy 4:3-4



## **Purity #64**

Practicing Bible discipline and separation as shown will bring persecution from the compromisers of these perilous times.

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus  
shall suffer persecution.  
But evil men and seducers  
shall wax worse and worse,  
deceiving, and being deceived.

II Timothy 3:12-13

## **Purity #65**

Pastors must be like serpents and doves among the wolves of today's compromising, effeminate Christians.

Behold, I send you forth  
as sheep in the midst of wolves:  
be ye therefore wise as serpents,  
and harmless as doves.

Matthew 10:16

## **Purity #66**

We cannot move an inch from scripture; it is the only basis of truth and right; compromise from God and wisdom has consequences.

Therefore I esteem all thy precepts  
concerning all things to be right;  
and I hate every false way.

Psalm 119:128

## **Purity #67**

God is merciful to pastoral sins of ignorance, though no pastor can presume on mercy by neglecting inquiry and study.

But the high places were not removed:  
nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect  
with the LORD all his days.

1 Kings 15:14



Take heed unto thyself,  
and unto the doctrine;  
continue in them:  
for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself,  
and them that hear thee.

I Timothy 4:16

## **Purity #68**

The minimum age of baptism must be set prudently – see linked study below – lest unregenerated or unconverted sneak in.

And believers were the more added to the Lord,  
multitudes both of men and women.

Acts 5:14

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death:  
that like as Christ was raised up from the dead  
by the glory of the Father, even so we also  
should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

## **Purity #69**

It is easier to restrict membership than exclude carnal members; faith and love by good works and zeal by sacrifice are crucial.

We give thanks to God always for you all,  
making mention of you in our prayers;  
Remembering without ceasing  
your work of faith,  
and labour of love,  
and patience of hope  
in our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the sight of God and our Father;  
Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

I Thessalonians 1:2-4

## **Purity #70**

Repentance for membership or restoration must be godly repentance as defined in the Bible and not just worldly sorrow.

For behold this selfsame thing,  
that ye sorrowed after a godly sort,  
what carefulness it wrought in you,  
yea, what clearing of yourselves,  
yea, what indignation,  
yea, what fear,  
yea, what vehement desire,  
yea, what zeal,  
yea, what revenge!

In all things ye have approved yourselves  
to be clear in this matter.

II Corinthians 7:11



## **Purity #71**

Members must be observant; there are few surprises in church discipline; rebels have already exposed themselves to the attentive.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault,  
ye which are spiritual, restore such an one  
in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself,  
lest thou also be tempted....

But let every man prove his own work, and then  
shall he have rejoicing in himself alone,  
and not in another.

For every man shall bear his own burden.

Galatians 6:1-5

## **Purity #72**

Love is the greatest grace by many measures, including evidence of eternal life and a new heart, so it will be obvious by fervent actions.

A new commandment I give unto you,  
That ye love one another;  
as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.  
By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples,  
if ye have love one to another.

John 13:34-35

## **Purity #73**

Fruit is what our Lord taught as the criterion to judge preachers, and it applies as well to ordinary members by character and conduct.

But the fruit of the Spirit is  
love, joy, peace,  
longsuffering, gentleness,  
goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:  
against such there is no law.  
And they that are Christ's have crucified  
the flesh with the affections and lusts.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-25

## **Purity #74**

There is a process to follow for grievances between members, and ignoring the process indicates hatred and rebellion against God.

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar,  
and there rememberest that thy brother  
hath ought against thee;  
Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way;  
first be reconciled to thy brother,  
and then come and offer thy gift.

Matthew 5:23-24



Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee,  
go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone:  
if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee  
one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three  
witnesses every word may be established.

And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church:  
but if he neglect to hear the church,  
let him be unto thee as an  
heathen man and a publican.

Matthew 18:15-17

## **Purity #75**

The distinction between sins against God and sins against men is huge; it is dealt with by Paul in two successive, separate chapters.

If one man sin against another,  
the judge shall judge him:  
but if a man sin against the LORD,  
who shall intreat for him?

Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice  
of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

1 Samuel 2:25

It is reported commonly  
that there is fornication among you,  
and such fornication as is not so much as named  
among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.  
And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned,  
that he that hath done this deed might be  
taken away from among you.

I Corinthians 5:1-2

Dare any of you, having a matter against another,  
go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?  
Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?  
and if the world shall be judged by you,  
are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?  
Know ye not that we shall judge angels?  
how much more things that pertain to this life?

I Corinthians 6:1-3

## **Purity #76**

Three questions and answers dictate Bible treatment – large or small, public or private, repentance or obstinance – of eight options.

The three questions and answers  
and the eight resulting options  
are analyzed and applied in the  
document, *Church Discipline*.

<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2000/church-discipline/>

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to be clear in this matter.

II Corinthians 7:11

## **Purity #77**

There is a spirit and way to question a pastor,  
and ignoring appropriate decorum is folly.

And David said to Abigail,  
Blessed be the LORD God of Israel,  
which sent thee this day to meet me:  
And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou,  
which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood,  
and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

I Samuel 25:32-33

And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king,  
she fell on her face to the ground,  
and did obeisance, and said,  
Help, O king.

II Samuel 14:4

By long forbearing is a prince persuaded,  
and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

Proverbs 25:15

And he said, How can I,  
except some man should guide me?  
And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

Acts 8:31

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul:  
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Psalm 19:7



## **Purity #78**

Since knowledge grows over time, pastors will allow differences not spread seditiously and submission to all other teaching.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:  
Teaching them to observe all things  
whatsoever I have commanded you:  
and, lo, I am with you always,  
even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28:19-20

Now if Christ be preached  
that he rose from the dead,  
how say some among you that  
there is no resurrection of the dead?

I Corinthians 15:12

## **Purity #79**

Rebellion and stubbornness are as witchcraft and idolatry; they are by pride, not prudence or principle; public worship does not cover.

And Samuel said,  
Hath the LORD as great delight  
in burnt offerings and sacrifices,  
as in obeying the voice of the LORD?  
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,  
and to hearken than the fat of rams.  
For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,  
and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.  
Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD,  
he hath also rejected thee from being king.

I Samuel 15:22-23

## **Purity #80**

Some sins/sinners should not be prayed for, which is hard for the Biblically illiterate or the emotionally sentimental to grasp and obey.

For if we sin wilfully after that we  
have received the knowledge of the truth,  
there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,  
But a certain fearful looking for of  
judgment and fiery indignation,  
which shall devour the adversaries.

Hebrews 10:26-27

## **Purity #81**

Do not play with discipline or communion for church purity due to severe consequences.



But the children of Israel  
committed a trespass in the accursed thing:  
for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah,  
of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing:  
and the anger of the LORD was kindled  
against the children of Israel.

Joshua 7:1

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily,  
eateth and drinketh damnation to himself,  
not discerning the Lord's body.

For this cause many are weak  
and sickly among you, and many sleep.

For if we would judge ourselves,  
we should not be judged.

I Corinthians 11:29-31

## **Purity #82**

Churches do not vote to exclude; King Jesus has already ruled; churches execute His laws, thus it is unanimous ... they vote on carpet!

Now we command you, brethren,  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that ye withdraw yourselves from every  
brother that walketh disorderly,  
and not after the tradition  
which he received of us.

II Thessalonians 3:6

## **Purity #83**

Respect of persons is evil in both testaments; family or friends give you an opportunity for godly zeal against any nepotistic favoritism.

These things also belong to the wise.  
It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

Proverbs 24:23

To have respect of persons is not good:  
for trinket a piece of bread that man will transgress.

Proverbs 28:21

My brethren,  
have not the faith of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,  
with respect of persons.

James 2:1



## **Purity #84**

Some pastors, like Jeremiah/Ezekiel, will have negative ministries; many or most hearers will rebel against truth shown above.

And thou, son of man,  
be not afraid of them,  
neither be afraid of their words,  
though briers and thorns be with thee,  
and thou dost dwell among scorpions:  
be not afraid of their words,  
nor be dismayed at their looks,  
though they be a rebellious house.

And thou shalt speak my words unto them,  
whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear:  
for they are most rebellious.

Ezekiel 2:6-7

And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words,  
when ye depart out of that house or city,  
shake off the dust of your feet.

Verily I say unto you,  
It shall be more tolerable for the land  
of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment,  
than for that city.

Matthew 10:14-15

## **Purity #85**

Perilous times of the last days are a severe threat to pastors or churches by compromise and heresy by most Christians and churches.

This know also,  
that in the last days  
perilous times shall come.

II Timothy 3:1

# For Further Study

- 1) *Church Discipline (long and detailed with case studies) ...* <https://letgodbetruerue.com/sermons/index/year-2000/church-discipline/>
- 2) *Review of Church Discipline (I Cor 5 and II Thess 3) ...* <https://letgodbetruerue.com/sermons/index/year-2005/review-of-church-discipline/>
- 3) *Treatment of Excluded Brethren (sermon outline) ...* <https://letgodbetruerue.com/sermons/index/year-2007/treatment-of-excluded-brethren/>
- 4) *A Minister's Handbook (miscellaneous topics) ...* <https://letgodbetruerue.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/rules-for-ministers.pdf>
- 5) *The Bible and Authority (all five spheres) ...* <https://letgodbetruerue.com/sermons/index/year-1991/ordinance-of-authority/>
- 6) *I Magnify Mine Office (pastoral authority) ...* <https://letgodbetruerue.com/sermons/index/year-2012/magnify-mine-office/>
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- 19) *Pride (a terrible sin that leads to rebellion and self-righteousness) ...* <https://letgodbetruerue.com/sermons/index/year-2004/pride-again/>
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