

The Jesus Way to Deal With The Straying Brother

Matthew 18: 15-20

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The World Wants
YOU!!

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you

FREE

JOHN 8:31-32 KJV

Verse 15

Step #1 – Go tell him his fault

CONTEXT: The straying sheep, the wanderer

- The wanderer is trying to lead another believer into believing their sin view
- He is trying to derail you from a Biblical worldview and accept a lost worldview

“WORLD THINK” has invaded the Church!!

This must be addressed the Jesus way =

“ . . . go and tell him his fault ”

This is not done with a harsh tone or
“finger-in-your-face” attitude



Verse 16

Step #2 – What if he will not hear?

“ take with you one or two more ”

The goal is for the wanderer to be restored,
to **“gain your brother”**

Verse 17a

Step #3 – Tell it to the Church

The hope is that those believers this person has fellowshiped with can help him see his error

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH:

- 1) To glorify God – Ephesians 1: 12
- 2) Edify, lift up the saints –
1 Corinthians 14: 12
- 3) Evangelize the world – Matthew 28: 19-20

Those believers who wander into false teaching are to be pursued and brought back into the fold

Verse 17b

Step #4 - No longer in the fellowship

“ “let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector”

Why must this happen?

Their false beliefs could lead other sheep astray

***“A little leaven (sin) leavens the whole lump”
(can affect the group) – Galatians 5: 9***

Verse 18

What about binding?

Bind is *forbid*; loose is *permit*

Forbidding and *permitting* are in view here

Binding and *loosing* are in accordance with heaven, *God's will*

What God forbids – *forbid!*

What God permits – *permit!*

This has *nothing* to do with binding Satan,
and *everything* to do with straying believers!

In making a decision regarding the straying one, the person straying will reveal the course of action

If reconciled, great!

If not, then not being in fellowship is in line with heaven

Verse 19-20

What about agreeing?

Is this a ticket to get what I want?

The context is the straying, sinning brother

This has to do with the two agreeing about binding and loosing of the straying brother

The two are agreeing that the process has revealed what is to be done

“Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them”

This adds another dynamic

This seems to go beyond the straying brother

I believe this can be applied to any gathering where brothers agree in unity and are seeking God’s will

THOUGHT:

Two or three agreeing may indicate that Elders are to make the decision, not the body

Sheep are easily disturbed, run from conflict, and are easily frightened

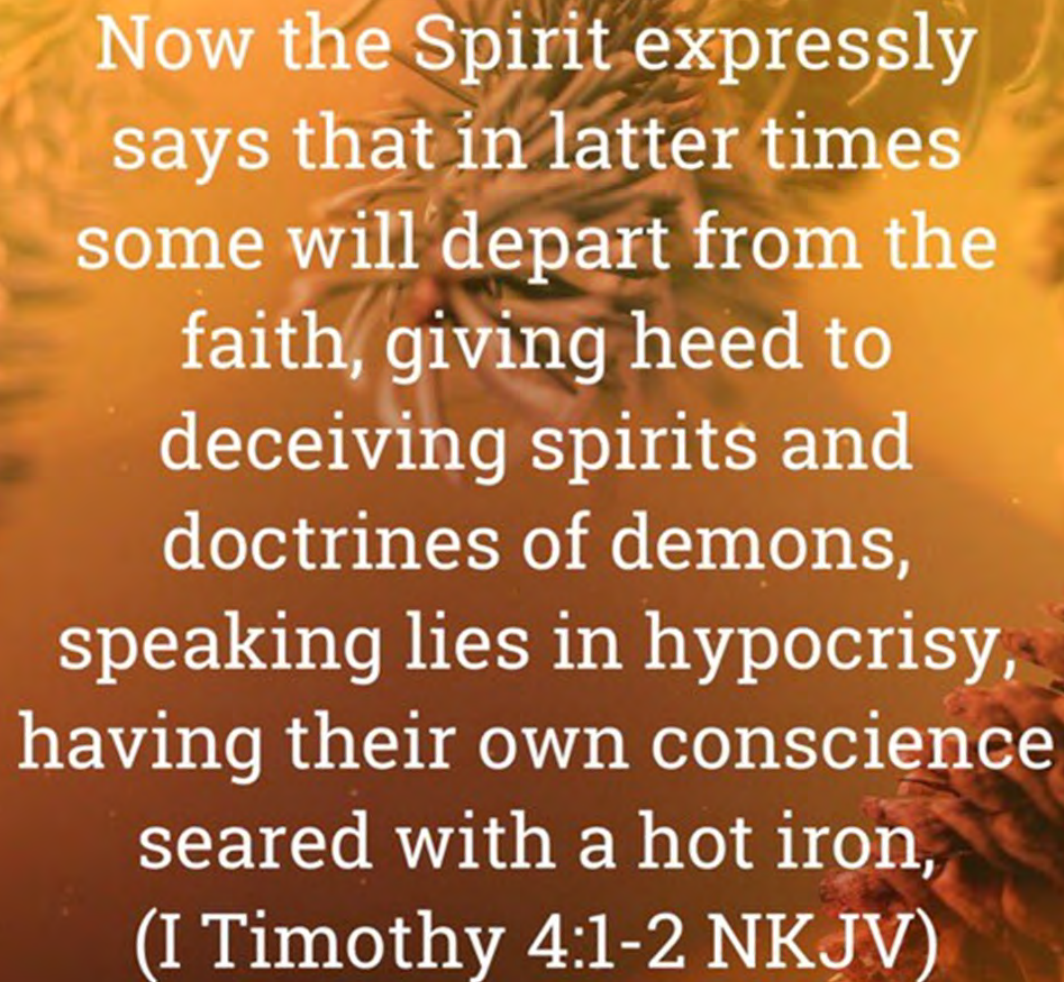
Sheep are not equipped for conflict

Shepherds are, *they are to protect the sheep!*

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

We are living in the Laodicean Church Age,
the compromised, all-about-me church

Many Christians are straying off to the
Laodicean message, becoming
“Laodiceanized”!!



Now the Spirit expressly
says that in latter times
some will depart from the
faith, giving heed to
deceiving spirits and
doctrines of demons,
speaking lies in hypocrisy,
having their own conscience
seared with a hot iron,
(I Timothy 4:1-2 NKJV)

**Strayers want
you to join
them in the
“Laodiceanized”
message**

WE MUST NOT!!

The false church is embracing evil today, *calling good evil and evil good!*

This is phase 3 of God giving a people over to their sins – Romans 1: 28b

“God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting” (Laodiceanized)

This is the *point of no return* for a nation or an individual!

What are we
to do with
those who
stray?

*Pursue them
with the
truth!*

A hand is shown pulling another hand out of a fire. The background is a bright, hazy blue with rays of light. The fire is orange and yellow, with sparks rising from it. The text is overlaid on the image.

**OTHERS SAVE
WITH FEAR,
PULLING THEM
OUT OF THE FIRE,
HATING EVEN THE GARMENT
DEFILED BY THE FLESH.**

JUDE 1:23

*“One word of truth dispels a world of lies”
(Oz Guinness)*

**YOU, man or woman of God, stand for truth, justice,
THE GOD WAY!**

TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND THE GOD WAY!



Not just a fairy tale But a way of Life!!

*I WILL NOT BE
“LAODICEANIZED”!!*