



First Missionary Church

Steps of Church Discipline Policy

When people choose to become members of First Missionary Church, they agree to be disciplined if they fall into sin.

In such cases, biblical church discipline will be administered in love with the intent to restore them. The following steps will be taken.

If it has been confirmed that a church member is in sin... (Matthew 18:15-20; Ezekiel 3:17-21; 33:1-9
1 Timothy 5:19 - for elders)

If you don't address it...

He or she may not be saved from his or her sin (James 5:19-20).

He or she may continue to live in sin
(1 John 1:6).

He or she may be punished by God (1 Corinthians 11:30).

God may take him or her (1 Corinthians 11:30; James 1:14-15; 1 John 5:16).

Address it!

The offended must confront the offender privately.
(Matthew 18:15; Luke 17:3; James 5:19-20)

If he or she continues in sin...

Confront him or her with 2 or 3 witnesses.
(Matthew 18:16; Deuteronomy 19:15)

If he or she continues in sin...

Tell it to the church.
(Matthew 18:17; 1 Timothy 5:20)

If he or she continues in sin...

Treat him or her as an unbeliever and hand this person over to Satan.
(Matthew 18:17; 1 Corinthians 5:5; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15; 1 Timothy 1:20)

If he or she causes disruption...

Stay away from him or her.
(Romans 16:17-19; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; Titus 3:10-11)

If he or she repents...

You have served your brother or sister and won him or her (James 5:19-20). Now take steps to help restore him or her restoration (Galatians 6:1).