

# Confronting Sin in Our Spiritual Family

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Timothy 5.

B. The church is a family. There is common love. (John 13:34-35)

C. Confronting sin is necessary in the framework of love.

## II. God's children are chastened with iniquity mitigated with mercy. (Job 5)

## III. Discipline is vital in wisdom. (Proverbs 15:32; 19:25; 15:31; 13:18; 6:23)

## IV. Discipline purifies. (Matthew 18)

## V. How sin should be addressed.

A. Fearlessly. (Ezekiel 2:3)

B. Authoritatively. (Titus 2:24)

C. Sharply.

D. Lovingly. (2 Timothy 4:2)

## VI. Discipline is done kindly and gently.

## VII. Correcting with different age groups.

A. Elders: with respect. (Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5, Daniel 4:27, Galatians 2:11)

B. Brothers: humility. This sets the parties at the same level. (Matthew 18, Galatians 6:1, 2 Thessalonians 3, Genesis 4:9)

C. Older women: as mothers with proper respect. (Philippians 4)

D. Younger women: as sisters. Spiritual incest must be avoided. (Leviticus 18; 20; Deuteronomy 27:22; 2 Samuel 13)

1. Avoid "the look."

2. Avoid flattery.

3. Avoid the thoughts.

4. Avoid the rendezvous.

5. Avoid the house.

6. Avoid the touch.

**Application Questions:**

1. How would you respond to someone that personal rebuke is not a loving thing to do? Defend your answer.

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2. Why should different groups of people be treated differently when it comes to confrontation?

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3. How would you respond to someone who says confrontation of younger sisters by older men should be avoided altogether? Explain.

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