

Ephesians 5:31 “A man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.” **1 Corinthians 12:27.** “You are the body of Christ.”

Becoming a church member is more than being equipped, but also joining the Body of Christ and receiving all the benefits of Christ.

Bruce Bickel. “Church discipline is not something you do to a person; it’s something that God works (the heart of) a person.”

Authority and Accountability. Church discipline involves not only correction, reproof and encouragement, but also the way a church is organized to do this: ultimately by local congregational members, or by presbuteroi (elders) or by episcopoi (overseers).