

# Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

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## Caring Enough to Correct

One of the key factors that has led the church to neglect the study and practice of discipline is the downward spiral in practicing discipline in our society as a whole. As a society: we don't practice self-discipline, we don't practice family discipline, we don't discipline some criminals and we don't discipline the government. We just don't practice discipline as we should in hardly any area of life. Thus, it should not come as any big surprise that we don't practice discipline in the church.

Why must we not neglect church discipline? Because it allows sin to encroach upon the church—weeds in garden. Because we disobey God when we do. Because we give the world reason to criticize the church when we don't care enough about our brethren. And because when we do we allow the opportunity for those persisting in sin to get to the point where they can no longer be brought to repentance. This is just a few of the reasons why the church cannot neglect the practice of discipline.

There are basically 2 kinds of discipline. In the broad sense discipline has reference to far more than just a punitive (punishment) action taken by one party against another. Discipline is "training which corrects, molds, strengthens, or perfects; punishment, chastisement." Thus, discipline includes positive teaching and instruction as well as punishment, all of which is aimed at bringing about a positive change.

First there is Preventive Discipline. This is teaching and instruction given for the express purpose of preventing people from sinning in the first place. This is one of the primary purposes of the Word of God—2 Tim.3:16-17. It is in this kind of discipline that preachers and elders take center stage—this is their job. Preachers are to first and foremost preach the Word so that people will know what God desires of them and what He does not desire of them—2 Tim.4:1-5.

Elders are to shepherd the flock, feed the flock, set a proper example, and watch out for people's souls—Acts 20:28, 1 Pet.5:2, 1 Tim.5:17, Heb.13:17. Preachers and elders who are not constantly devoted to the proclaiming of God's Word to the people they work with, so that they will know how they ought to conduct their lives, are not doing their work and will give an account for it.

The second form of discipline is known as Punitive Discipline (Chastisement). This is action taken after sin has been committed, for the good of the one sinning, and for the purpose of preventing any further sin—2 Cor.2:6-8. Punitive discipline is the last resort option for those who continue to persist in a lifestyle of sin. It is this discipline that must be practiced by the church as a whole or else it loses its effectiveness.

So discipline is both preventive (trying to prevent sin before the fact) and punitive in nature (chastising after the fact). As we will see, both are necessary if the church is to be healthy and effective.

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## Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom  
Song Leader: Dale  
Opening Hymn:  
**77—Hallelujah Praise Jehovah**  
Opening Prayer: Jerad  
Hymn:  
**403—No Tears In Heaven**  
Scripture Reading: Ryan  
2 Timothy 4:1-8  
Hymn:  
**649—I Gave My Life For Thee**  
Lord's Supper: Robert  
Hymn:  
**577—Heavenly Sunlight**  
Sermon: Tom  
Invitation Hymn:  
**605—Just As I Am**  
Closing Hymn:  
**84—Have Thine Own Way**  
Closing Prayer: Ray

**Come study the book of  
James with us on  
Sunday morning.**

## CALENDAR

June 25—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Tom  
June 26—(b) Bennett  
June 27—Ladies Bible Study—Nina  
June 28—(a) Myron & Carole  
July 2—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Mark, Business meeting  
July 3—(a) Ken & Melinda  
July 7—(b) Rebecca  
July 8—(b) Ruth  
July 9—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am  
Speaker Mark  
Check bulletin board for events in the area & other news

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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### Preach The Word

2 Timothy 4:1-8

#### WORD LIST

APPEAR	AWAY	CHARGE
CHRIST	CONVINCE	CROWN
DEAD	DESIRES	DOCTRINE
DRINK	ENDURE	EXHORT
FABLES	FAITH	HEAP
ITCHING	JESUS	JUDGE
KINGDOM	LIVING	LORD
PREACH	RACE	READY
REBUKE	SEASON	SOUND
TEACH	TIME	TRUTH
TURN	WATCH	WORD
WORK		

D C C D D S F Z H K R J P L Z  
 E H E R Q A S R C Q R K Z I X  
 X A O O B U E Y A B J O I V N  
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### PRAYER LIST

**Mynda's** sisters-in-law Father's health.  
**Mark** and **Debbie** as they travel. **Mark's** back  
**Roberta**, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke  
 recovery  
**Bonnie's** grandson **Devin** study, as Bonnie  
 Travels. **Dakota**  
**Wanda's** migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine &**  
**Joyce** .  
**Mary** and her family. **Carl's** gout and hip recovery,  
 Mary's friend **Aubrey's** pregnancy  
**Kathy**, is in Holly Hill Rehab facility, her sister and  
 friends. Please send cards.  
**Linda's** health, **Tiffany's** health & stress  
**Zarna** and her family  
**Juanita**, fell and broke her leg and is at Briar Hill  
 room 100, her sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.  
**Ray** and **Barbara** and their family.  
**Dale's** health issues, headaches and his family.  
 His **Mother's** breathing issue.. His friend  
**Riley** (age 6) with cancer. Brother in Christ  
**Darrell's** surgery. His **Aunt Rosie's**  
 heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues.  
 7 year old girl, **Lucie**, with leukemia.  
**Ray's** new medication and his family.  
**Rebecca's** right knee injuries & illness  
**Steven** digestive tests & illness  
**Pat** and her family  
**Diane's** health  
**Nina** and **Tom**

2 Timothy 4:1-8

4 I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup> and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. <sup>5</sup> But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. <sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Have you ever tried to memorize verses from the Bible? It can be a challenge sometimes. This might be an easy way to start!

We are studying the Book of James, which only has four chapters. We are on chapter one. Here is a verse from chapter one you can try to memorize.

#### James 1:19

**Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.**