Lighthouse Bible Church

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Gently Restore:

Take One or Two Others Along

1. Introduction
2. Steps to Restoration (Matt. 18:15-20)
3. Step One: Overlook Minor Offenses
4. Step Two: Talk in Private
5. Step Three: Take One or Two Others Along (Matt. 18:16)

Two ways outside people can get involved in a dispute are:

1. By mutual agreement
2. On your initiative
3. Step Four: Tell It to the Church (Church Accountability)

(Matt. 18:17a)

1. Step Five: Treat Him as a Nonbeliever

(Matt. 18:17b)

Treating someone as a nonbeliever (revoke of membership in the church) serves three important purposes:

1. Prevents the Lord from being dishonored if that person continues to act in blatantly sinful ways (Rom. 2:23-24)
2. Other believers are protected from being led astray by a bad example or divisive behavior (Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5:1-6)
3. May help the rebellious person to realize the seriousness of his or her sin, turn from it, and be restored to God.
4. Conclusion