

The Schemes of Satan

2 COR. 2:5-11

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Things We Can Know

- 1.** An openly sinful act occurred.
- 2.** It required public discipline.
- 3.** The discipline resulted in godly sorrow.

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Verse 5

A Limiting - “to some degree”

The number of
people affected



How Many

The degree of
their suffering



How Much

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Verse 6

“Punishment”

A Verbal Warning



Reprimand

A Judicial Measure



Penalty

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Change in Response

1.

Forgive him freely

2.

Comfort or Encourage him

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Verse 7

Luke 7:41-42

“⁴¹ A moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

⁴² When they were unable to repay, he **graciously forgave** them both. So which of them will love him more?”

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Luke 7:42

NASB – “he graciously forgave them both”

NKJV – “he freely forgave them both”

ESV – “he cancelled the debt of both”

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“It does not mean making others feel comfortable about their past sin but leading them to godly sorrow where they find God’s forgiveness.”

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The **Danger** of Failing to Forgive



He will be **swallowed up** by grief!

2 Cor. 5:5 – mortality is **swallowed up** by life

1 Pet. 5:8 – Satan is looking to **swallow up** or **devour** someone

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Verse 8

Reaffirm - “to ratify, make valid”

Unofficial acts of
personal acceptance



Reassure Him

An official act of
public acceptance.



Reinstate Him

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Verse 9

“He acted the way **fathers** were expected to act by **disciplining his children** and **testing their character.**”

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A Test of Character Regarding Church Discipline

Church Discipline
is
Ignored

**No Purging
of the Sin**

Church Discipline
is
Ideal

**Sin Purged and
Sinner Restored**

Church Discipline
is
Incomplete

**No Restoration
of the Sinner**

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A Test of Character Regarding Church Discipline

Distorted
Practice



**Ignoring
Discipline**

Distorted
Danger



License

Distorted
Testimony

Disregards
the Continuing
Presence of Sin

The Sin of a
Believer is
Unimportant

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A Test of Character Regarding Church Discipline

Distorted
Practice



Incomplete
Discipline

Distorted
Danger



Despair

Distorted
Testimony

Scrutinizes
the Continuing
Presence of Sin

The Sin of a
Believer is
Unforgiveable

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Verse 10

1 Cor. 5:4,5

“⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and **I with you in spirit**, with the **power of our Lord Jesus**,
⁵ *I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan* for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”

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Verse 10

Church Discipline

PROCESS EXPLAINED

By Christ

[Mt. 18:15-20;
16:19; Jn. 20:23]

PROCESS APPLIED

By Paul

[1 Cor. 5:4,5;
2 Cor. 2:5-11]

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“The **ultimate agent** indicates the person who is **ultimately responsible for the action**, who may or may not be directly involved (though he or she usually is).”

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“For
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“Schemes”

2 Cor. 2:11 – “we are not ignorant of his **schemes**”

2 Cor. 3:14 – “their **minds** were hardened”

2 Cor. 4:4 – “blinded the **minds** of the unbelieving”

2 Cor. 10:5 – “taking every **thought** captive”

2 Cor. 11:3 – “your **minds** will be led astray ”

Phil. 4:7 – “guard your hearts and your **minds**”

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- 1. The Content** → **Thoughts**
- 2. The Capacity** → **Ability**
- 3. The Conceiving** → **Intents**

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“It was a gain to Satan if either an **individual soul** could be driven to **despair**, or the peace of the **church** could be **disturbed.**”

Charles Hodge, *An Exposition of the Second Epistle to the Corinthians*

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His Names

Satan – Adversary

Devil – Slanderer, Accuser

Serpent – Serpent, Snake → Cunning, Crafty

Dragon – Dragon, Monster → Fierce Nature

Beelzebul – The Ruler of Demons

Belial – Worthlessness, Wickedness

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His Activities

He **accuses** believers – Rev. 12:10

He **deceives** the world – Rev. 12:9

He **tempts** – Mt. 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5

He **murders** – Jn. 8:44

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His Activities

He **lies** and is the father of lies – Jn. 8:44

He **blinds** the minds to truth – 2 Cor. 4:4

He **takes captive to do his will** – 2 Tim. 2:26

He prowls around **looking to devour** – 1 Pet. 5:8

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Matthew 26:41

“Keep Watching and Praying”