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**II Corinthians 13:1-14**

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# **I. A Gospel-Centered Church**

## **Practices Church Discipline - 13:1-4**

### **Matthew 18:15-17 -**

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

## **II. A Gospel-Centered Church Calls for Self-Examination - 13:5-10**

## **I John 3:6-10 -**

No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

## **II. A Gospel-Centered Church Calls for Self-Examination - 13:5-10**

### **Book Recommendations:**

- **J.C. Ryle, Holiness**
- **Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Sermon on the Mount**
- **John Piper, All that Jesus Commanded**

# **III. A Gospel-Centered Church Bears the Fruit of Maturity - 13:11-13**

## **A. Abiding Joy**

### **I Peter 1:8-9 -**

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.

# **III. A Gospel-Centered Church Bears the Fruit of Maturity - 13:11-13**

**B. Pursuit of Growth**

**C. Mutual Comfort**

**D. Congregational Unity**



## **IV. A Gospel-Centered Church Feasts Before it Follows - Vs. 14**

### **II Corinthians 8:9 -**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

### **Ephesians 2:4 -**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

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### **Romans 8:15-16 -**

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

“The only antidote to the preoccupation with technology and technique that dominates the contemporary church is to return to the God-centeredness that runs throughout 2 Corinthians...The hope of the church is not a new program but God’s invasion of our lives...The only cure for the cancer of modern materialism now growing in our hearts, with its insatiable desire for ever-multiplying pleasures on earth, is the surpassing and profound pleasure of knowing the God of love and peace (13:11).”

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