

A loving father...

Issues warnings that consequences are imminent if behavior doesn't change. (14-15)

Provides a personal example to follow and teaches others to do the same. (16-17)

Investigates behavior and willingly administers accountability and discipline. (18-20)

Allows freedom and time for his children to decide how they want to be treated. (21)

Questions for Discussion:

What has been your past experience with spiritual leaders? Would they tend toward:

-Apathy concerning church member's lives?

-Shaming those in sin?

-Genuine love that risks admonishing church members because they really do care for them?

Have you observed sin by church members that went on continuously without being admonished?

Why do you think their sin went without being confronted?

What was the result?

Who have been the most powerful examples of living the Christian life you know personally?

What specifically stood out in their lives to you?

Who are some people you have the responsibility of being a model of Christian living for them to imitate?

Who are some Christians you are or can invest in for them to in turn teach others?

Have you ever had someone be "intentionally intrusive" to you?

How did you respond to it?

Is there sin in your life God is pointing out to you through another Christian that you need to change?

If so, why are you delaying?