

# What Membership Means to Us, Part 4: United by a Common Submission and Authority

## Selected Scripture

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II. A Commitment to \_\_\_\_\_. *Lev 19:15-18; Ps 141:5; Prov 9:8; 25:9-12; 27:6; 1 Thess 5:14; 2 Tim 3:5; Titus 3:10; 1 John 5:16-17; 2 John 10-11*

#### A. The pattern:

1. We confront \_\_\_\_\_ sins . . . *Matt 18:15-17; Gal 2:11-14*
2. With a desire to \_\_\_\_\_ . . . *Gal 6:1; Jam 5:19-20; Lev 19:18*
3. And a willingness to \_\_\_\_\_. *Luke 17:3-4; 2 Cor 2:5-8; Matt 18:21-22; Col 3:13*

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2. If they do not listen:
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  - c. To purify the \_\_\_\_\_. *Acts 5:11; 1 Tim 5:20; Duet 17:12-13; 19:16-20*

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C. \_\_\_\_\_ – *1 Cor 16:16; Heb 13:17; 1 Pet 5:5*

D. Keep \_\_\_\_\_: they are fallible servants. *1 Pet 5:4; Acts 20:30*

IV. Considerations on \_\_\_\_\_.

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B. Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ your decisions. *Prov 11:14; 12:15; 15:22*

C. Seek counsel from your \_\_\_\_\_. *Acts 6:3-6; cf. 13:3; 14:26; 15:40*

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2. I have been baptized after coming to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Acts 2:38, 41).
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