2 COR. 2:5-11

Things We Can Know

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

Verse 5

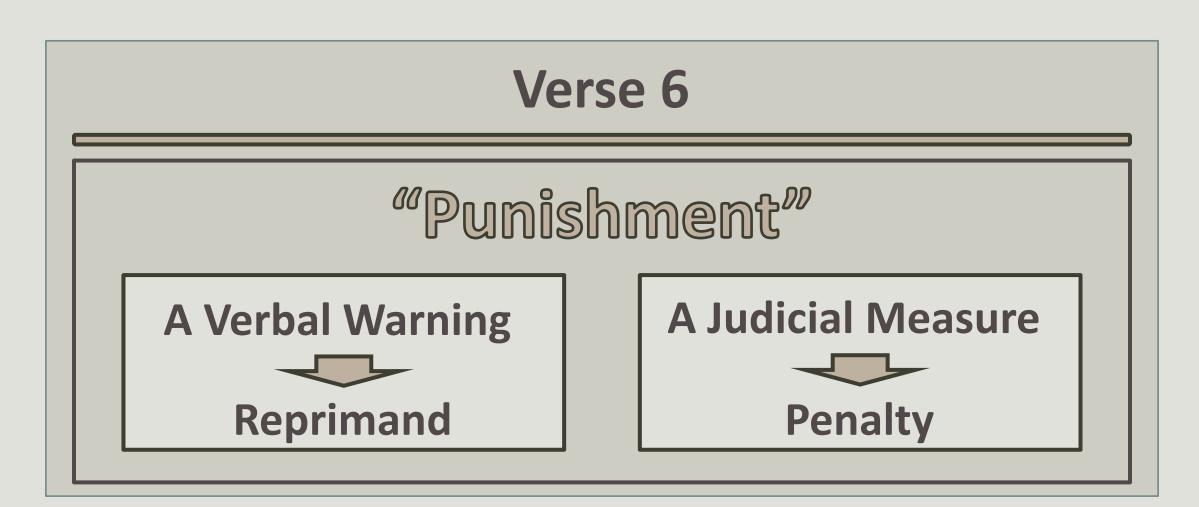
A Limiting - "to some degree"

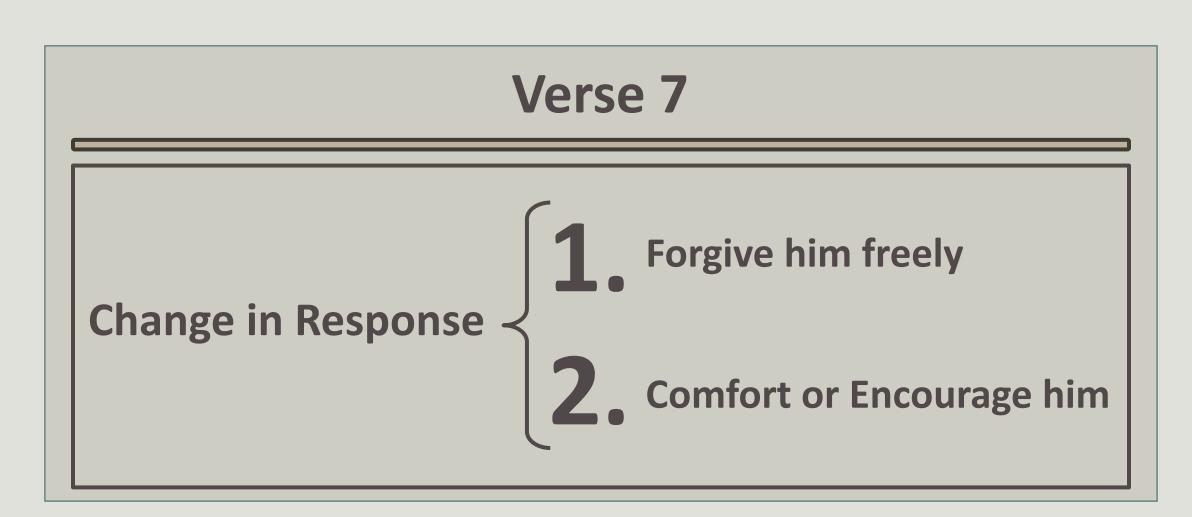
The **number** of people affected



The **degree** of their suffering







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?"

Verse 7

Luke 7:42

NASB – "he graciously forgave them both"

NKJV - "he freely forgave them both"

ESV - "he cancelled the debt of both"

Verse 7

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

Verse 7

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

Verse 8

Reaffirm - "to ratify, make valid"

Unofficial acts of personal acceptance



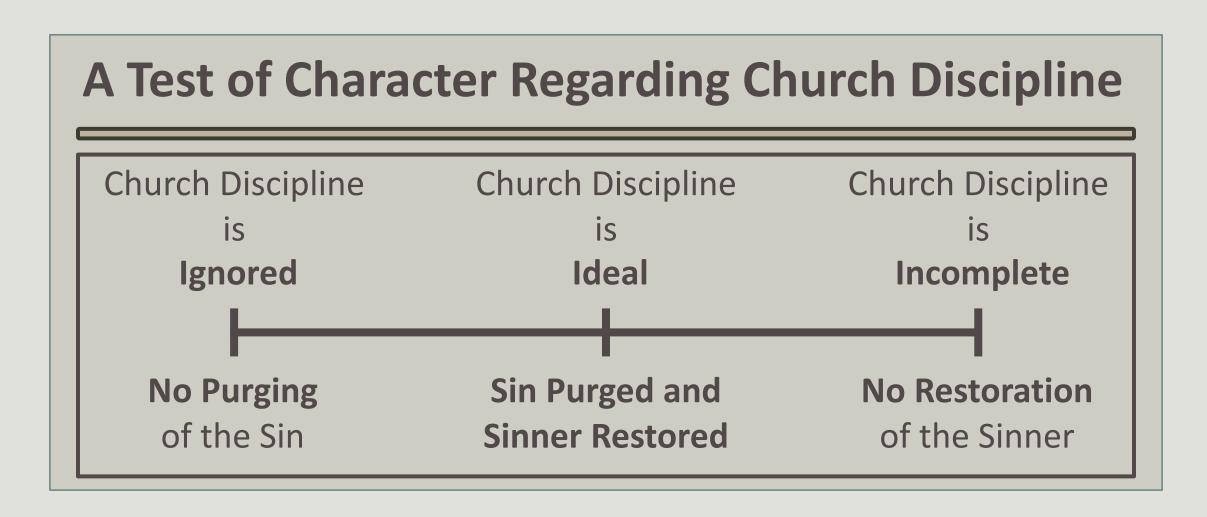
Reassure Him

An **official act** of public acceptance.



Verse 9

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



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

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

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."

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

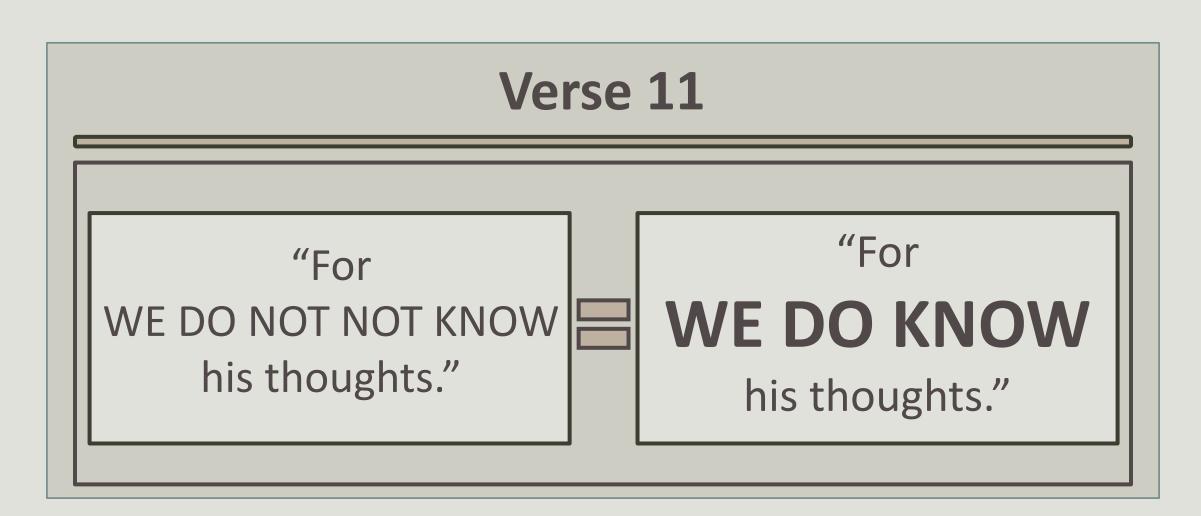
Verse 11

"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)."

Daniel B. Wallace, Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament

Verse 11

"For WE DO NOT NOT KNOW his thoughts."



Verse 11

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"

Verse 11

- 1. The Content \Longrightarrow Thoughts
- 2. The Capacity \Longrightarrow Ability
- 3. The Conceiving \Longrightarrow Intents

Verse 11

"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."

Verse 11

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

Verse 11

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

His Activities -

Verse 11

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

Verse 11

Matthew 26:41

"Keep Watching and Praying"