

**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

*Philippians 3:14*

**What does "the prize" look like?**  
**As an individual?**



A team?



**Fame?**



Fortune?



Looks?



...or is it?

## Dancing With The Angels



**“Let me make it quite clear that when Christians say the Christ-life is in them, they do not mean simply something mental or moral. When they speak of being “in Christ” or of Christ being “in them”, this is not simply a way of saying that they are thinking about Christ or copying Him. They mean that Christ is actually operating through them; that the whole mass of Christians are the physical organism through which Christ acts--that we are His fingers and muscles, the cells of His body.”**

**~ C. S. LEWIS**

**JOY HESED GROUP IDENTITY HEALTHY CORRECTION in scripture:**

Joy

Us

Sons

Disciplines

Hebrews 12

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.                      Colossians 3:16

*To admonish: Nouthesia* - "the training by word," whether of encouragement, or, if necessary, by reproof or remonstrance. [oral or written]

**Admonishing**

**Who? ✓**

**What? ✓**

**When?**

**Where?**

**Why?**

**How?**

**Is? (Is Jesus in it?)**

**When is it appropriate to admonish A BROTHER/SISTER?**

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**In private or with others?**

**On the spot?.....Scheduled?**

**Prayed up?.....Prayer together?**

## **Biblical examples and scriptural guidelines: MATTHEW 18**

## Procedure

**15** "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. **16** But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed.

**17** 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.**

**18** Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

**19** "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. **20** For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

## **Excuses**

**7** "Woe to the world because of *its* stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!

**8** "If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than to have two hands or two feet and be cast into the eternal fire. **9** If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than to have two eyes and be cast into the fiery hell.

**10** "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

**11** For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

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**Does Jesus want one-eyed, one-handed, one-footed disciples?**



## **When vs. "Not when"**

Jesus is not giving a command. He's is teaching using a hypothetical

We transpose "when" onto "if" in thinking like the world thinks.

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**When we blame  
something other than  
ourselves for our sin,  
we have not yet  
confessed  
our commission.**

**When is the proper time to admonish one another?**

## **When you've:**

- kept mouth shut
- Prayed for humility and discernment
- Reflected on Jesus' example and teaching
- Removed the beam from your eye
- Selected appropriate place and time

**That's WHEN you:**

**Joy    Hessed    Identify    Admonish**  
**One another**

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## How Far (to what extent).

**12** "What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying? **13** If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. **14** So it is not *the* will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

# Forgiveness

**21** Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" **22** Jesus \*said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven!"



**"...and lo,  
I am with you**

**always,**

**even to the end  
of the age."**



