

The Gospel According to Me, Myself, and I

Chapter 18, Verses 15-17

If you think your brother has sinned against you, completely ignore him and remind yourself of all the previous times he has done you wrong. If he apologizes, tell him that you forgive him, but let him know that you will never forget it. In fact, be sure to check with one or two others to confirm that he may have done the same thing to them, so that by the confirmation of two or three persons you may in fact know exactly the sort of person he is. Be sure to warn the church in private conversations off to the side so that they may "pray about it," and so that they can all treat him just as he deserves.

Matthew 18:14-20, HCSB

In the same way, *it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones perish.* ¹⁵ *If your brother sins against you, go and rebuke him in private. If he listens to you, you have won your brother.* But if he won't listen, take one or two more with you, so that by the testimony of two or three witnesses *every fact may be established.* If he pays no attention to them, tell the church. But if he doesn't pay attention even to the church, let him be like an unbeliever and a tax collector to you. ***I assure you:*** Whatever you bind on earth is already bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth is already loosed in heaven. ***Again I assure you:*** If two of you agree about any matter that you pray for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are agreed together in My name, I am there among them.

Question: *When the plumb-line of scripture is held up to the habits of our culture, where do you line up?*