Lesson 3 – the final two symptoms of Diotrephes Disease (DD)

5. **He stops those who want to do so** (v. 10).

What does God say about knowing the right thing and not doing it -

Jam 4:17 Whoever knows what is right but doesn't do it is sinning. (GW)

6. **He puts them out of the church** (v. 10).

What does God say about doing the wrong thing and not doing anything about it -

Read Matthew 18:15-17

Mat 18:15 "If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him--work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend.

Mat 18:16 If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again.

Mat 18:17 If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love.

Relay Discussion  
Set up two, three, or four chairs (no more) in front of your group. Select a person to sit in each chair and explain that you are going to have a relay discussion. You, as the leader, will read agree-disagree statements that beg debate or discussion. Only the people in the chairs up front can speak, everyone else listens. Once the statement has been read, the leader can turn the discussion over to those people or he can stimulate and encourage by asking each person's opinion. If a person in the front chairs does not want to speak about an issue, she may go out into the audience and tap anyone on the shoulder to take her place. The chosen person then must go up front and join in the discussion. Also, if any person in the audience has something to say at any time, he may run up front and replace any person there. Only the people in the front chairs can speak. Once you see the discussion slowing down, throw out a new statement. Also, to stimulate give and take, people can be assigned one point of view or the other, or certain chairs can be labeled AGREE and DISAGREE. Here are some sample discussion statements:  
  
- The reason a church runs a youth program is to prove to itself that it is doing something for young people.  
- A Christian should obey his government even if it violates the authority of Scripture.  
- Our parents discipline us because they are trying to do what is best for us.   
- It’s ok for parents to check their children’s stuff (rooms, school lockers, myspace, im messages, etc)

- It is ok to “tell” on someone if they are breaking a school rule or home rule.

- The three rules of IMPACT really are there to make every youth in the group set and be quit.

Final thought - Our attitude towards discipline should not be that of a policeman out to arrest a criminal, but rather that of a physician seeking to heal a wound in the body of Christ, a wound that will spread sickness and death if left alone.

So do you have DD?