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Topic: A Public Rebuke

Text: Galatians 2:11-14

1. The Church is the family of God. Every one of us should walk in holiness and not sin. Therefore, the practice of public rebuke is taught.
2. No one is exempted from public rebuke. The public rebuke was given to Peter by Paul immediately. This is because Paul is an Apostle. See 1 Timothy 5:19-20.
3. It must be a public sin (v11). Private transgressions must be settled privately. Peter sinned before the people of God. Peter had acted duplicitously, not wanting to eat with the Gentiles while with the Jews (v12).
4. Public rebuke is needed to prevent public stumbling (v13). The Jews followed Apostle Peter's example. Barnabas was someone who accompanied Paul. After seeing what Peter did, Barnabas decided to follow Peter's example. Paul confronted Peter as his brother's keeper.
5. The proper manner to publicly rebuke (v14). Paul was an eyewitness. He assessed it objectively based on God's Word. He then confronted Peter directly, not through proxies. Go straight to the issue itself. Peter responded well to the rebuke, bearing good fruit (see 2 Peter 3:15-16).