

Care Must Be Taken That No Monk

by St. Benedict of Nursia

Monks must maintain their independence and not presume to defend one another to prevent scandal and maintain order in the monastery.

Scripture: Proverbs 17:9, Matthew 18:15, 1 Corinthians 5:13, Galatians 6:1

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Description

St. Benedict of Nursia emphasizes the importance of monks not defending or protecting each other in the monastery, even if they are related, to avoid serious scandals. He warns against any monk daring to break this rule, as it can lead to severe punishment within the community.

Transcript

Care must be taken that no monk presume on any ground to defend another monk in the monastery, or as it were to take him under his protection, even though they be united by some tie of blood-relationship. Let not the monks dare to do this in any way whatsoever, because it may give rise to most serious scandals. But if anyone breaks this rule, let him be severely punished.

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