

Every Occasion of Presumption

by St. Benedict of Nursia

St. Benedict emphasizes the importance of avoiding presumption and adhering to the authority of the Abbess in the monastery.

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Description

St. Benedict of Nursia emphasizes the importance of avoiding presumption in the monastery, stating that only the Abbess has the authority to excommunicate or discipline sisters. Offenders in this matter are to be rebuked publicly to instill fear among the community. Children under 15 should be supervised with moderation and discretion, and anyone who acts without the Abbess' approval in disciplining older children will face consequences as per the Rule's discipline, guided by the principle of treating others as you would like to be treated.

Transcript

Every occasion of presumption
shall be avoided in the monastery,
and we decree that no one be allowed
to excommunicate or to strike any of her sisters
unless the Abbess has given her the authority.
Those who offend in this matter
shall be rebuked in the presence of all,
that the rest may have fear.
But children up to 15 years of age
shall be carefully controlled and watched by all,
yet this too with all moderation and discretion.
All, therefore, who presume

without the Abbess' instructions

to punish those above that age

or who lose their temper with them,

shall undergo the discipline of the Rule;

for it is written,

"Do not do to another what you would not want done to yourself" (Tobias 4:16).

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