WHAT GOOD WORKS **DOES A CHURCH PURSUE?**

Feed the homeless

School supplies for kids

Houses in Africa

Potable water in S. America

Alcoholics Anon meetings

Health/Nutrition classes

Boy Scout troops

Afterschool childcare

Cattle for poverty

Community banquets

Get out the Vote campaigns

Blood drives

Food drives

Community Watch programs

Litter & Highway cleanup

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Music enrichment programs

Christian sport leagues

Every ORGANIZATION on the planet has to ask THREE questions

Why are we here?

What will we do?

How will we do it?

THE LOCAL CHURCH IS AN ORGANIZATION

Jesus the Head – 1 Pet. 5:4 Overseers – 1 Tim. 3, Tit. 1

- Qualifications
- Responsibilities
- Restrictions

Deacons

"decently and in order"

(1 Cor 14:40)

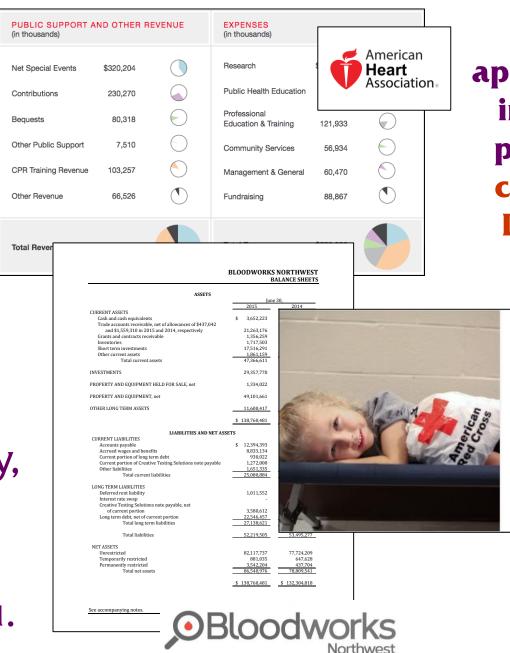
"pillar and ground of the truth"

(1 Tim 3:15)

"let not the church be burdened"

(1 Tim 5:16)

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit to them: for they watch in behalf of your souls, as they that shall give account; that they may do this with joy, and not with grief: for this were unprofitable for you. (Hebrews 13:17)



And when they had appointed for them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they had believed. (Acts 14:23)

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PROTESTANT BATTLE OF THE 1500's



MARTIN LUTHER

Luther was concerned with finding **core** principles in the Scripture and then felt comfortable leaving the rest to human discretion and changing traditions of time and culture.

Luther and his protesters kept as many Catholic traditions as they felt could be kept without compromising the basics of salvation by faith only.

VS.

WHEN THE SCRIPTURE IS SILENT, DOES THAT GIVE US FREEDOM OR BOUNDARIES?



Ulrich Zwingli

Zwingli was looking for the Bible to provide a complete blueprint for all time that laid out the details for church government, worship, and rules for behavior.

Zwingli and his reformers threw out everything, they strip the cathedrals bare, removed relics, organs, altar equipment, priestly vestments, and more.

Missionary Society Debate in the 1900's

College & Orphan Home Debate in the 1950's

Along with other "good work" practices such as fellowship halls, eating in the building, food pantries, and instrumental music.



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If SILENCE in the text is permissive, then any good work not condemned is an option for the church.

If SILENCE in the text is a boundary set by God, then any good work not given for the church ought not to be practiced.

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Need we be silent where the Scripture is

silent?