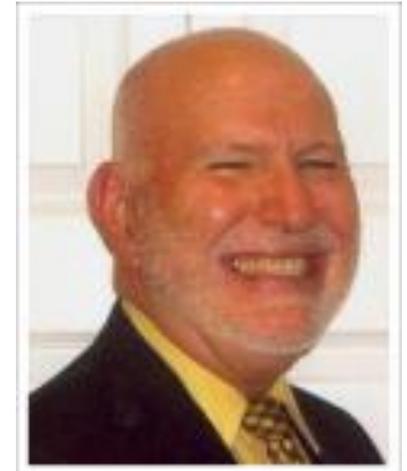


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# **THE MAJOR ISSUES THAT AROSE**

**1. HURT FEELINGS**

**2. Church Autonomy**

**3. Are Bible examples binding?**

**a) Are examples as important as Bible commands?**

**4. Church vs. Individual Action**

**a) Can a congregation do the same things an individual can do?**

# **An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. (2 Tim 2:5)**

Not everyone who says to Me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to Me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and **do many mighty works** in Your name?” And then will I declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, **you workers of lawlessness.**” (Matt 7:21–23)

# Can a **CONGREGATION** do the same things a **CHRISTIAN** can do?

## DIFFERENT ROLES MATTER

- Role of husbands and wives
- Roles of government vs. church
- Roles of elders vs. non-elders
- Roles of men vs. women
- Roles of parents vs. children

## SWITCHING ROLES IS SIN

- King Uzziah - 2 Chr 26:16f
- Uzzah and the ark - 2 Sam 6:3f, 1 Chr 15:13
- Saul vs. Samuel - 1 Sam 13:7-14
- Rebellion of Aaron & Miriam - Num 12
- Rebellion of Korah - Num 16
- Budding of Aaron's Rod - Num 17

**“if I delay, you may know how **one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and ground of truth.**” (1 Tim 3:15)**

# What did Jesus intend the local church to be?

Ephesians 4:<sup>11</sup> And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; <sup>15</sup> but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

# The local church is not supposed to be or do everything.

Sometimes doing something for someone is a BAD thing.

- “bear own burdens” vs. “bear one another’s burdens” (Gal 6:2)
- “not willing to work, let him not eat” (2 Thess 3:10)
- “church be not burdened” (1 Tim 5:16)

## What Is the Church Here For?

1. Preaching to the Lost
  - 1 Cor 9:9–14, Php 4:15–18
2. Teaching and Edifying the Saints
  - Eph 4:12, Heb 10:24–25, Col 3:16, 1 Pet 5:2, Heb 13:17, 1 Cor 11:20–22
3. Caring for Needy Christians
  - Acts 11:27–30, 1 Cor 16:1–4, Rom 15:25–27, 1 Tim 5:3–4, 16

# What are YOU here for?

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:10)

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:10)

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (Matt 5:13-16)