

## Divine Authority

### Lesson 11

The Individual Christian, The  
Local Church and Evangelism

## What We Have Learned In The Previous Lesson

What is benevolence?

Individual Christian and benevolence

The local church and benevolence

The New Testament says nothing about...

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## What Is Benevolence?

Word not in New Testament but idea is

Idea – aiding those who are in physical need  
of food, clothing, shelter and medical care

Does not include recreational or  
entertainment activities

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## The Individual Christian And Benevolence

Provide for our families

Provide for needs of other Christians

Provide for needs of our neighbors, lost and  
saved

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## The Local Church And Benevolence

Local church benevolent work authorized

Local church cares for own members

Local church cares for saints in several local  
churches

Several local churches care for saints in one  
local church

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## The New Testament Says Nothing About...

Individual and local church obligations are  
the same

Local church meeting needs of non-  
Christians

Benevolence used as tool for evangelism

Local churches supporting benevolent  
organizations

Local churches sending money through a  
sponsoring church

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## Introduction

- Evangelism primary work of local church
- Disagreement with majority of churches of Christ about what ways local churches are authorized to do evangelistic work
- Many brethren have departed from the New Testament pattern of evangelism

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## Some Sources of Erroneous Thinking

- Wrong ideas about evangelism
- Confusing roles of individual Christians and local church in evangelism
- Wrong ideas about authorized methods of local church doing evangelistic work

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## Purposes of This Lesson

- Clearly define evangelism
- Examine role of individual Christians in evangelism
- Examine the role of a local church in evangelism
- Identify where churches of Christ have departed from the New Testament pattern on evangelism

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## The Individual Christian, The Local Church and Evangelism

What is evangelism?

Individual Christian and evangelism

The local church and evangelism

The New Testament says nothing about...

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## Three Closely Related Words Provide Concept of Evangelism

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Act 21:8 On the next day we left and came to Caesarea, and entering the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him.

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Spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to the lost

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1Co 15:2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

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## What Is Evangelism?

1Co 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 1Co 15:4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

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## The Individual Christian And Evangelism

- Individual Christians have a wider ranging responsibility in evangelism than that of a local church
- Local church responsibility involves collective action where individual Christians agree to work together in various ways
- New Testament reveals patterns for these responsibilities in evangelism

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## The Individual Christian And Evangelism

Teach gospel to lost as we have opportunity  
Live righteous life before lost to encourage their obedience  
Refer lost to others who can teach them gospel  
Support evangelists who preach gospel  
Combine with other Christians in evangelistic efforts

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Act 8:4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

Act 8:5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them.

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Act 18:24 Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

Act 18:25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John;

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Act 18:26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

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Act 18:27 And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace,

Act 18:28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

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## Live Righteous Life Before Lost To Encourage Their Obedience

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Phi 2:14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

Phi 2:15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

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Phi 2:16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

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## Live Righteous Life Before Lost To Encourage Their Obedience

1Pe 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

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## Live Righteous Life Before Lost To Encourage Their Obedience

1Pe 2:10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

1Pe 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

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## Live Righteous Life Before Lost To Encourage Their Obedience

1Pe 2:12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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## Live Righteous Life Before Lost To Encourage Their Obedience

1Pe 3:1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any *of them* are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

1Pe 3:2 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

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## Live Righteous Life Before Lost To Encourage Their Obedience

1Pe 3:14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,

1Pe 3:15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

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## Live Righteous Life Before Lost To Encourage Their Obedience

1Pe 3:16 and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

1Pe 3:17 For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

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## Refer Lost To Others Who Can Teach Them Gospel

Joh 1:40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

Joh 1:41 He \*found first his own brother Simon and \*said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ).

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Joh 1:42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Joh 1:43 The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He \*found Philip. And Jesus \*said to him, "Follow Me."

Joh 1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter.

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## Refer Lost To Others Who Can Teach Them Gospel

Joh 1:45 Philip \*found Nathanael and \*said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote-- Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Joh 1:46 Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip \*said to him, "Come and see."

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Joh 4:28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and \*said to the men,  
Joh 4:29 "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not the Christ, is it?"  
Joh 4:30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

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## Refer Lost To Others Who Can Teach Them Gospel

Joh 4:39 From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I *have* done."  
Joh 4:40 So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

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Joh 4:41 Many more believed because of His word;  
Joh 4:42 and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

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## Refer Lost To Others Who Can Teach Them Gospel

Act 11:13 "And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, 'Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here;  
Act 11:14 and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'

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## Refer Lost To Others Who Can Teach Them Gospel

Act 10:24 On the following day he entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends.  
Act 10:33 "So I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

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## Support Evangelists Who Preach Gospel

Gal 6:6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.

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## Support Evangelists Who Preach Gospel

3Jo 1:5 Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers;

3Jo 1:6 and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God.

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## Support Evangelists Who Preach Gospel

3Jo 1:7 For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles.

3Jo 1:8 Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth.

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## Combine With Other Christians In Evangelistic Efforts

- Home Bible studies
- Distributing Bible materials in community
- Create published Bible material such as tracts, Web sites, magazines to reach the lost

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## The Individual Christian And Evangelism

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## The Local Church And Evangelism

Several local churches may support preacher in other area  
Local church may provide evangelism training for members  
Local church may provide for special gospel efforts

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## Local Church Evangelistic Work Authorized

- Evangelism primary work of Jesus' church
- How local churches do their evangelistic work determined by New Testament pattern
- To depart from this pattern is sinful

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1Ti 3:15 but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

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1Th 1:8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

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## Local Church May Support Preacher Working With Them

1Co 9:6 Or do only Barnabas and I not have a right to refrain from working?

1Co 9:7 Who at any time serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not use the milk of the flock?

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## Local Church May Support Preacher Working With Them

1Co 9:8 I am not speaking these things according to human judgment, am I? Or does not the Law also say these things?

1Co 9:9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING." God is not concerned about oxen, is He?

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## Local Church May Support Preacher Working With Them

1Co 9:10 Or is He speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher to thresh in hope of sharing the crops.

1Co 9:11 If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?

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## Local Church May Support Preacher Working With Them

1Co 9:12 If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we endure all things so that we will cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

1Co 9:13 Do you not know that those who perform sacred services eat the food of the temple, and those who attend regularly to the altar have their share from the altar?

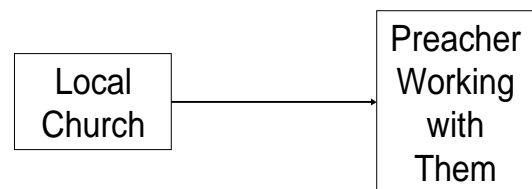
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1Co 9:14 So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.

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## Local Church May Support Preacher Working With Them



1 Cor. 9:6-14

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## Local Church May Support Preacher In Another Area

Phi 4:14 Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction.

Phi 4:15 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone;

Phi 4:16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.

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## Local Church May Support Preacher In Another Area

Phi 4:17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.

Phi 4:18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

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Phil. 4:14-18

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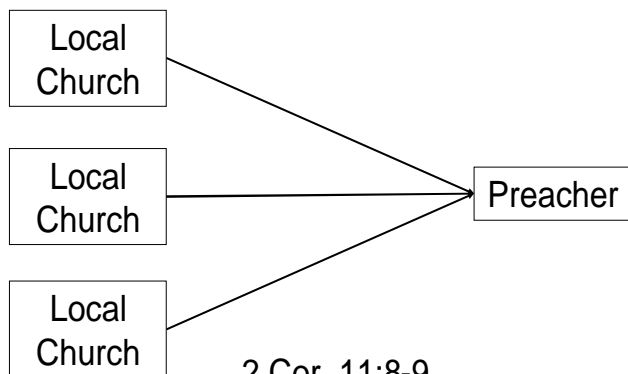
## Several Local Churches May Support A Preacher

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2 Cor. 11:8-9

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## Local Church May Provide Members Evangelism Training

2Ti 2:2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

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## Local Church May Provide For Special Gospel Efforts

- Gospel meetings focusing on converting the lost
- Organized efforts to spread gospel to community such as door knocking, Bible information booths and others
- Preaching the gospel through mass media, radio, TV, newspapers, etc.

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## Things We See In The New Testament Pattern

- Local churches sent support directly to preachers they were supporting
- Local churches did not send support to another local church
- Local churches did not send support through any local churches who then distributed support to preachers

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## Things We See In The New Testament Pattern

- Local churches did not send support through any human organization who then distributed support to preachers
- Each local church provided oversight and funds for their own evangelistic work

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## The Local Church And Evangelism

- If all were content with this pattern for evangelism, there would be no need for next section of lesson
- Many brethren have departed from this pattern
- We look at how they depart and their reasons for doing so
- Compare their departures with the New Testament pattern for evangelism

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## The New Testament Says Nothing About...

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Local church using recreation to evangelize  
Local churches supporting evangelistic organizations  
Local churches sending money through a sponsoring church

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## Local Church Using Benevolence To Evangelize

- Mac Deaver, institutional preacher, said "Let me tell you something brethren, the Bible teaches that benevolence when rendered to non-saints, is an evangelistic vehicle." 1991
- Local church giving benevolence to the lost to persuade them to obey the gospel

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## Local Church Using Benevolence To Evangelize

- Local church restricted to helping needy saints
- Piano not aid for singing
- Benevolence not aid for evangelism

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## Local Church Restricted To Helping Needy Saints

1Ti 5:16 If any woman who is a believer has dependent widows, she must assist them and the church must not be burdened, so that it may assist those who are widows indeed.

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## Local Church Using Recreation To Evangelize

- Accepting benevolence as an aid to evangelism has led to other unauthorized aids being accepted
- Recreation such as church camps for children
- Family life centers providing athletic activities for all

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## Jesus, Food And Evangelism

- Jesus refused to use food as a tool for evangelism
- After miraculously feeding people to prove His deity, He refused to feed them the next day
- Pointed them to higher spiritual priorities
- Using earthly enticements encourages continuation of worldly attitudes that can only be changed by the gospel

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## Jesus, Food And Evangelism

Joh 6:14 Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

Joh 6:15 So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.

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## Jesus, Food And Evangelism

Joh 6:26 Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

Joh 6:27 "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

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## Our Individual Example To The Lost

- We should be good examples to the lost
- Can be done without perverting local church evangelistic work

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## Local Churches Supporting Evangelistic Organizations

- Local churches contribute to evangelistic organizations
- Evangelistic organizations distribute support to gospel preachers
- Evangelistic organizations distribute evangelistic materials to local churches, gospel preachers, Christians and the lost

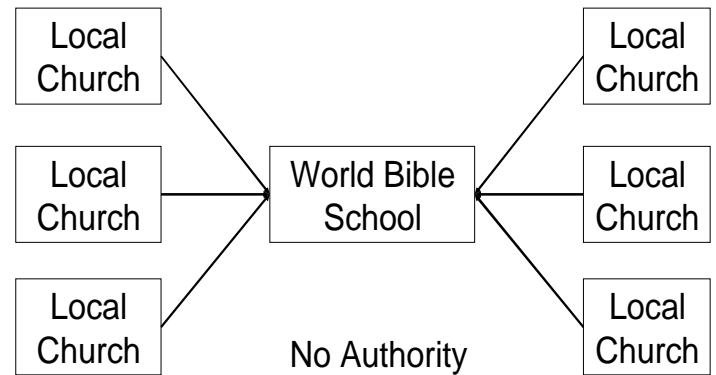
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## Example – World Bible School, Texas

- Organization supported by both local churches and individual Christians
- Provides evangelistic training and materials to local churches
- This is done through local churches establishing WBS training schools under WBS oversight

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## Local Churches Supporting Evangelistic Organizations



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## Why Is This Wrong?

- Local churches sent support directly to gospel preachers
- Local churches have no collective work together
- Centralized oversight unauthorized
- Centralized treasury unauthorized

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## Local Churches Sent Support Directly To Gospel Preachers

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## Local Churches Have No Collective Work Together

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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## Centralized Oversight Unauthorized

1Pe 5:2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

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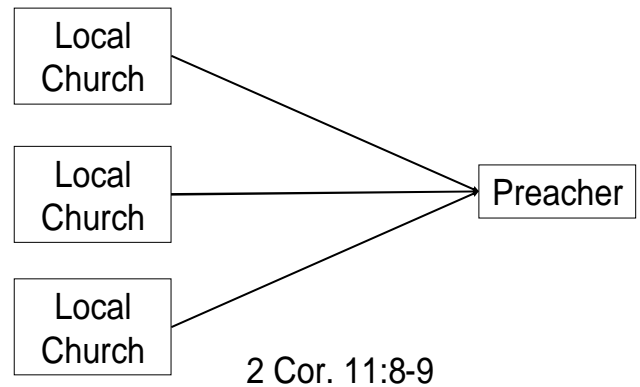
## Centralized Treasury Unauthorized

1Co 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also.

1Co 16:2 On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

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## Local Churches Sent Funds Directly To Preachers



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## Local Churches Sending Money Through A Sponsoring Church

- Local churches send money to sponsoring church
- Sponsoring church oversees decisions regarding evangelistic work
- Sponsoring church distributes support and evangelistic material to gospel preachers

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## Example - Herald of Truth TV And Radio Programs

- National evangelistic program overseen by elders of Highland church of Christ, Abilene, TX
- Purpose to present the gospel to the country by TV and radio
- Funded by many local churches
- Decisions made by Highland church elders

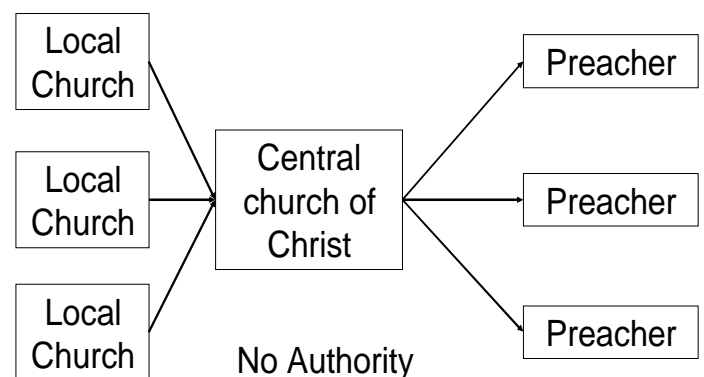
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## Example – India Missions Program

- India Missions program overseen by elders of Central church of Christ, Cleburne, TX
- Purpose to evangelize India
- Funded by many local churches
- Decisions made by elders of Central church on what preachers are supported, where they preach and so on

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## Local Churches Sending Money Through A Sponsoring Church



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## Why Is This Wrong?

- Local churches sent support directly to gospel preachers
- Local churches can receive money only for benevolence
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- Destroys local church autonomy
- Centralized treasury unauthorized

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Act 24:17 "Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings;

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Act 14:23 When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Act 20:28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

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## Destroys Local Church Autonomy

- Brethren argue autonomy not destroyed because participation of churches voluntary
- Voluntarily giving up autonomy does not justify it
- Would be similar to men voluntarily giving up authority to women
- If several churches can work through one local church, then why not all churches working through one church?

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## Destroys Local Church Autonomy

1Ti 2:11 A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.

1Ti 2:12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

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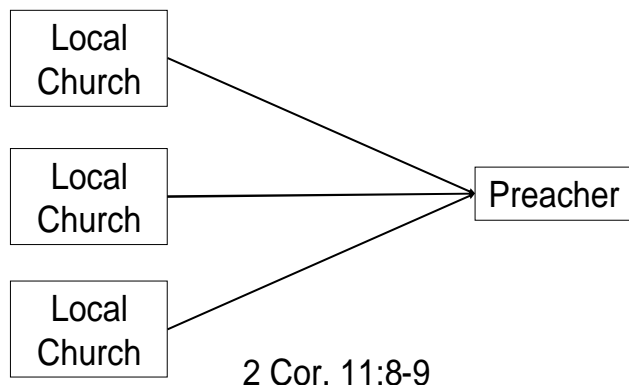
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## Divine Authority

### Lesson 11 - The Individual Christian, The Local Church and Evangelism

#### Various passages and material from Lesson 11 outline

For each of the following questions, please circle the letter by the correct answer.

1. Evangelism carries the idea of
  - A. Friendly communication.
  - B. Recreation and entertainment.
  - C. Communicating the good news (gospel).
  - D. Accepting all beliefs regarding the Bible.
  
2. Which of the following is not authorized for a local church to do in evangelism?
  - A. Several local churches may support a preacher.
  - B. Several local churches may send funds to another local church to train and support evangelists.
  - C. One local church may support several preachers.
  - D. One local church may fully support one preacher.
  
3. Which of the following are authorized tools of evangelism?
  - A. Entertainment.
  - B. Bible tracts.
  - C. Recreation.
  - D. Benevolence.

4. Which is not one of the reasons why church supported evangelistic organizations are unauthorized?
  - A. Universal church is composed of individual Christians and not local churches.
  - B. A local church is to oversee its own evangelistic work.
  - C. A local church must send funds directly to the evangelist they support.
  - D. Christians cannot work together in evangelistic work.
  
5. Which is not one of the reasons why a sponsoring church is unauthorized?
  - A. Universal church is composed of individual Christians and not local churches.
  - B. A local church is to oversee its own evangelistic work.
  - C. Local churches have no responsibility in evangelistic work.
  - D. A local church must send funds directly to the evangelist they support.
  
6. Local churches lawfully cooperate with one another in evangelism when they
  - A. Do their work independently of one another.
  - B. Do their work through a sponsoring church.
  - C. Do their work through a missionary society.
  - D. Follow denominational patterns.
  
7. Local church autonomy (self rule) is violated only when
  - A. A local church does its work independently of other local churches.

- B. A local church voluntarily submits its funds and oversight to another local church or human organization.
- C. A local church appoints elders and deacons.
- D. A local church has no elders and deacons.

For each statement, circle True or False.

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| True | False | 1. | The work of individual Christians and the local church is the same in evangelism.                               |
| True | False | 2. | Evangelism is proclaiming the good news, the gospel of Christ to the lost.                                      |
| True | False | 3. | A local church has authority to support a gospel preacher working with them.                                    |
| True | False | 4. | A local church has authority to send money to another local church that distributes funds to evangelists.       |
| True | False | 5. | A local church has authority to use entertainment and recreation as tools of evangelism.                        |
| True | False | 6. | Local churches are not authorized to use missionary societies to spread the gospel to the lost.                 |
| True | False | 7. | Sponsoring churches are an authorized means of many churches working together to spread the gospel to the lost. |
| True | False | 8. | Local churches cooperate in evangelism as each congregation does its own work.                                  |

For each question, please provide statements that clearly answer each question.

1. Describe the individual's responsibilities to evangelize.
2. Describe how a local church is to carry out its work in evangelism.

3. Describe various unauthorized ways that churches of Christ have adopted in order to do evangelistic work. Specifically, why are these things unauthorized?