

The Work of The Church

The New Testament clearly reveals the work the Lord's church is authorized to do

Introduction

- What is the work of the Lord's church?
- Observe different churches teach and practice differently
- Some centralize work while others do not
- Some provide entertainment and recreation while others do not
- Example – Local church of Christ in Albany, NY sponsored a talent show

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Introduction

- New Testament plainly reveals how the Lord's church is to work whether on universal or local level
- Since Jesus built His one church and is Head over it, we should submit only to what He authorizes
- Church reflects God's wisdom and eternal purpose

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Jesus Builder And Head of His One Church

Mat 16:15 He *said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Mat 16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Mat 16:17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

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Jesus Builder And Head of His One Church

Mat 16:18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Mat 16:19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

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Jesus Builder And Head of His One Church

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

Eph 5:24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

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Church Reflects God's Wisdom And His Eternal Purpose

Eph 3:10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.

Eph 3:11 *This was* in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

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What does church mean?

What is the universal church?

How do we become members of Jesus' universal church?

How is the universal church organized?

What is the work of the universal church?

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What Does Church Mean?

- Wrong definitions produce wrong thinking and practices
- Example – defining baptism as sprinkling not immersion
- Wrongly defining church as a body of local churches produced Catholicism
- Wrongly defining church as a body of differing bodies of local churches produced Protestantism

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What Does Church Mean?

- Wrongly defining church as a body of local churches produced unauthorized centralization of local churches of Christ
- Church translated from Greek "ekklesia" which combines two words, "ek" meaning "out" and "kaleo" meaning "to call out"
- Refers to an assembly of people called out of a certain place or relationship into another place or relationship

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What Does Church Mean?

Act 7:38 "This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and *who was* with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you.

Act 19:39 "But if you want anything beyond this, it shall be settled in the lawful assembly.

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What Does Church Mean?

- "ekklesia" is a collective noun describing a group of similar members
- When referring to Christ's "ekklesia", we mean that assembly of people who are called out of the world by the gospel, made different through their obedience to Christ
- In short, the "ekklesia" of Christ is that assembly of people who belong to Christ by being obedient to Him

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What Is The Universal Church?

- When viewed universally, Jesus' church is composed of all Christians in the world
- This universal assembly of people never meets together on earth
- Universal church also has no earthly Head but Jesus

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Universal Church = Total Number of Christians

Eph 1:22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

Eph 1:23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Eph 4:4 *There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;*

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How Do We Become Members of Jesus' Universal Church?

- We do not become a Christian and then join Jesus' church
- When we believe in Him to the point of repenting of our sins and being baptized for forgiveness of sins, we are joined directly to Christ who adds us to His one body, those who are saved by Him
- Not added to any denomination (body of local churches)
- Not added to any local church

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How Do We Become Members of Jesus' Universal Church?

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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How Do We Become Members of Jesus' Universal Church?

Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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How Do We Become Members of Jesus' Universal Church?

Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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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How Is The Universal Church Organized?

- Universal church is composed of individual Christians with Jesus as their only Head
- Jesus, by the apostles' teaching, directs all members of His body, His church
- No Scriptural authority for any centralized organization and treasury to oversee and fund work of Jesus' universal church
- Oversight and treasury limited to a local church level

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Universal Church Has No Earthly Oversight Or Treasury

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;

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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What Is The Work Of The Universal Church?

- Universal church works as each individual Christian submits to Christ as Head
- Church life not separate from other parts of our lives because we are to be Christians at all times
- In our families, jobs, as citizens, members of a local church and in all relationships, we must obey Him

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Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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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What Is The Work Of The Universal Church?

Col 3:18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

Col 3:20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

Col 3:21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

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What Is The Work Of The Universal Church?

Col 3:22 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who *merely* please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

Col 4:1 Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

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What Is A Local Church?

- A local church is an assembly of saints in a given location who agree to worship and work together as the Lord has authorized
- Christians only authorized to work together as "one" in a local church, not through another local church or human organization
- Money collected belongs to the agreed purposes that should conform to the apostles' teaching

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Local Church = Assembly of Saints Working Together

1Co 1:1 Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

1Co 1:2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:

Rom 16:16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you. 29

Money Collected Belongs To Authorized Purposes For Use

Act 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back *some* of the price of the land?

Act 5:4 "While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

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How Do We Become Members of A Local Church?

- Not added to a local church but we must voluntarily join
- Must openly make our intention known to work and worship with a local church
- Local church must openly make their intentions known to accept us as members
- Should not join ourselves to a local church we believe is not following apostles' teaching

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How Do We Become Members of A Local Church?

Act 9:26 When he came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

Act 9:27 But Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

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How Do We Become Members of A Local Church?

Act 9:28 And he was with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.

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How Is A Local Church Organized?

- Each local church to eventually have qualified elders to oversee their work assisted by qualified deacons, servants
- Elders do not rule over any geographical area but over an assembly of saints, a local church
- Elders have no authority to oversee work of any other local church

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Each Local Church Under Qualified Elders With Deacons

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.

Php 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons:

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Each Local Church Under Qualified Elders With Deacons

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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Each Local Church Under Qualified Elders With Deacons

1Ti 3:1 It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*.

1Ti 3:2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

1Ti 3:3 not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. 37

Each Local Church Under Qualified Elders With Deacons

1Ti 3:4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity

1Ti 3:5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),

Tit 1:6 *namely*, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. 38

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1Ti 3:6 and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.

1Ti 3:7 And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. 39

Each Local Church Under Qualified Elders With Deacons

1Ti 3:8 ¶ Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain,

1Ti 3:9 but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

1Ti 3:10 These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. 40

Each Local Church Under Qualified Elders With Deacons

1Ti 3:11 Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

1Ti 3:12 Deacons must be husbands of only one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households. 41

Oversight And Treasury Restricted To Local Level

- Oversight of work and treasury are both on local level, not state, country or world level
- Only time any local church received funds from another local church was to aid needy saints in receiving local church 42

Oversight And Treasury Restricted To Local Level

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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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Only Case Where One Church Received Funds From Another

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

Rom 15:25 but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints.

Rom 15:26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.

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Work Of Individual Saints And A Local Church Different

- Can a local church do any work an individual Christian is authorized to do?
- Many in churches of Christ have answered yes to this question
- Result – local churches now involved in recreation, entertainment and providing benevolence to the world

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Work Of Individual Saints And A Local Church Different

- New Testament makes clear difference between the work of individual saints and a local church
- The following passages show the difference between actions taken by an individual Christian, several individual Christians and a local church

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Work Of Individual Saints And A Local Church Different

Mat 18:15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

Mat 18:16 "But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that **BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.**

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Work Of Individual Saints And A Local Church Different

Mat 18:17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

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Work Of Individual Saints And A Local Church Different

1Ti 5:3 Honor widows who are widows indeed;

1Ti 5:4 but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

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Work Of Individual Saints And A Local Church Different

1Ti 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

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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Individuals Engage In Business Not Local Churches

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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Individuals Provide Secular Education Not Local Churches

Mat 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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Individuals Provide Social Meals Not Local Churches

1Co 11:20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper, 1Co 11:21 for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

1Co 11:22 What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you. 53

Individuals Meet Family Needs Not Local Churches

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- A local church is a team of saints agreeing to worship and work together as the Lord commands in the apostles' teaching
- They are to be organized under qualified elders assisted by qualified deacons
- Each local church is independent of one another responsible to do the work the Lord gave them to do
- But what work is a local church to do?

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What Is The Work Of A Local Church?

- When we study the New Testament, we see commands, examples and necessary conclusions that reveal what Christians did together as a local church
- Broadly speaking, the work of a local church covers three areas – edification, evangelism and benevolence
- Any work not authorized by the New Testament should be rejected

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Regularly Assemble Together

- Christians commanded to meet together regularly as a local church
- Required assembling every first day of the week, Sunday, but free to assemble more frequently to do more teaching and worship

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Regularly Assemble Together

Joh 4:23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

Joh 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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Regularly Assemble Together

Heb 10:24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

Heb 10:25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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Partake Of Lord's Supper

- Done every first day of the week, Sunday, when saints assemble together
- Purposes – remember the Lord Jesus' death, look forward to His coming again and examine ourselves whether we are living according to the New Covenant

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Partake Of Lord's Supper

Act 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

1Co 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

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Partake Of Lord's Supper

1Co 11:24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1Co 11:25 In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

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Partake Of Lord's Supper

1Co 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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Preach And Teach The Word Of God

- Preach the Word of God when all are assembled together
- Teach the Word of God to build up the saints in class arrangement where group is divided by either age, sex or maturity level
- Women not allowed to teach or exercise authority over men but may teach women and children

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Preach And Teach The Word Of God

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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Mat 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

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Preach And Teach The Word Of God

1Co 14:26 What is *the outcome* then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

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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Preach And Teach The Word Of God

Eph 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

Eph 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

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Preach And Teach The Word Of God

Eph 4:13 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.

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Preach And Teach The Word Of God

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.

Tit 2:3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

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Preach And Teach The Word Of God

Tit 2:4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

Tit 2:5 *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

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Sing Without Instruments

- We are to sing spiritual songs
- Purposes – praise God and teach one another
- New Testament does not mention instruments being used so we are not authorized to use them today

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Eph 5:19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;
Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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Pray

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Act 12:5 So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.

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Pray

1Ti 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,
1Ti 2:2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.
1Ti 2:3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,
1Ti 2:4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁷⁷

Collect Funds To Support Needy Saints

- Collections made every first day of the week, Sunday, to help needy saints, not those of the world in general
- First, they helped needy saints among the local church and then as they had ability, helped needy saints in other local churches
- New Testament silent about local churches helping needy non-Christians

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Collect Funds To Support Needy Saints

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.

1Co 16:3 When I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem; 79

Collect Funds To Support Needy Saints

Act 2:44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;

Act 2:45 and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

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. 80

The Work Of A Local Church

Regularly assemble together	Collect funds On first day of week used for
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Partake of Lord's supper	Support of needy saints
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Collect Funds To Support Needy Saints

- Individual Christians responsible for helping non-Christian neighbors in need
- Funds always sent directly to saints in need to elders of the needy church
- Only time one local church sent funds to another was to help needy saints
- When need was met funds were stopped 82

Collect Funds To Support Needy Saints

Gal 6:9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

Gal 6:10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. 83

Collect Funds To Support Needy Saints

Act 11:29 And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a *contribution* for the relief of the brethren living in Judea.

Act 11:30 And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders. 84

Collect Funds To Support Needy Saints

2Co 8:13 For *this* is not for the ease of others *and* for your affliction, but by way of equality--

2Co 8:14 at this present time your abundance *being a supply* for their need, so that their abundance also may become a *supply* for your need, that there may be equality;

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Collect Funds To Support Preachers And Elders

- Gospel preachers to be financially supported from first day of week collection
- Local churches authorized to support preachers working with them or in other places
- Support for preachers always sent directly to the preacher and never through an organization or another local church
- Authorized to support elders who labor hard in the Word

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Collect Funds To Support Preachers And Elders

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?

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

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Collect Funds To Support Preachers And Elders

2Co 11:8 I robbed other churches by taking wages *from them* to serve you;

2Co 11:9 and when I was present with you and was in need, I was not a burden to anyone; for when the brethren came from Macedonia they fully supplied my need, and in everything I kept myself from being a burden to you, and will continue to do so.

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Collect Funds To Support Preachers And Elders

1Ti 5:17 The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

1Ti 5:18 For the Scripture says, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages."

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Discipline Unruly Members

- Preaching and teaching designed to lead Christians to maturity and correct sinful behavior
- After patient public and private teaching, Christians who do not repent of sins are to be lovingly disciplined
- Discipline involves socially withdrawing from rebellious brethren

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Discipline Unruly Members

- Discipline also means brethren are recognized as being out of fellowship with God and with faithful brethren until they repent of their sins
- The Lord's way should be followed in these case and in all things so that erring Christians may be turned back to the Truth

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Discipline Unruly Members

2Ti 4:2 preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

2Ti 4:4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

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Discipline Unruly Members

Act 20:20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house,

Act 20:21 solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Mat 18:15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

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1Co 5:1 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.

1Co 5:2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.

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Discipline Unruly Members

1Co 5:3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

1Co 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

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Discipline Unruly Members

1Co 5:5 *I have decided* to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1Co 5:6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump *of dough*?

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Discipline Unruly Members

2Th 3:6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us.

2Th 3:10 For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.

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2Th 3:14 If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame.

2Th 3:15 *Yet* do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

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Rom 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.

Rom 16:18 For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

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Tit 3:10 Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,

Tit 3:11 knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

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2Jn 1:9 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

2Jn 1:10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into *your* house, and do not give him a greeting;

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2Jn 1:11 for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

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2Co 2:6 Sufficient for such a one is this punishment which *was inflicted* by the majority,

2Co 2:7 so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort *him*, otherwise such a one might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

2Co 2:8 Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm *your* love for him.

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