Charts on Institutionalism and the Sponsoring Church

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This collection of charts has been prepared for use in preaching and debating on the church support of human institutions such as Mid-Western Children's Home, Potter Orphan Home and School, David Lipscomb College, Ohio Valley College, and Missionary Societies. In the second section are charts dealing with the sponsoring church type arrangement such as is practiced in many area-wide "Campaigns for Christ," the Herald of Truth radio and TV program, and various cooperative projects. The first eight pages of this material appeared originally in The Enlightener (Dec., 1967), published by the Brown St. Church of Christ, Akron, Ohio. Nearly 9,000 copies have been distributed. Additional pages include charts on authority, the sufficiency of the church, benevolence, etc.

We have provided brief comments on the first eight pages of charts so that our readers will understand the purpose for which the chart is used. In order to derive the greatest good, one should study every Scripture reference in the charts.

My first public debate was with Larry Hood in Aug., 1964, at Beaver Dam, Ky. In Dec., 1966, I assisted Ronald Mosby in preparation for his debate with W. L. Totty at Frankfort, Ky. One year later bro. Mosby assisted me in a debate with Bill Heinselman at Akron, Ohio. Tapes of the debates are available from The Spoken rd, P. O. Box 277, Greenville, IN 47124. Each of these debates was conducted under honorable circumstances and was productive of much good.

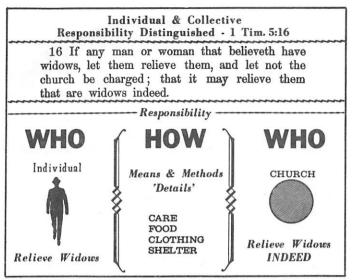
Several of the charts are original, but any material I thought valuable has been used freely. A special debt of gratitude is owed to the following: Roy Cogdill, Maurice Barnett, Gene Frost, A. C. Grider, Ronald G. Mosby, the late W. Curtis Porter, Glenn Shaver, Grover Stevens, and others. Use the material freely to the edifying of the church and to the glory of God and His Christ.

Charts on Institutionalism

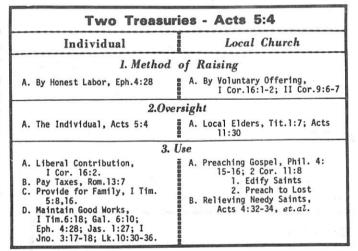
The first chart draws a parallel between the controversy over the Missionary Society which began in 1849, and the Benevolent Societies which provide orphan homes today. It explains what the issue *IS NOT* and *IS* today and the basis of our objection.

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The Issue Then Was Not 1. Simply a matter of "how." 2. Should the gospel be preached? 3. Was the church obligated? 4. Could churches co-operate? 5. Could a "place" be maintained? 6. Systematic arrangement.	The Issue Then Was Could churches build and maintain Missionary Societies through which to do their work of Evangelism?	
The Issue Today Is Not 1. Simply a matter of "how." 2. Shall the needy receive care? 3. Is the church obligated? 4. Can churches co-operate? 5. Can a "Home" be maintained? 6. Systematic arrangement.	The Issue Today Is Can churches build and maintain Benevolent Societies through which to do their work of Benevolence?	

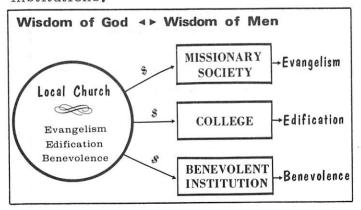
I Tim. 5:16 makes a clear distinction between individual and church responsibility. This also shows the difference between WHO does a thing and HOW it is done.



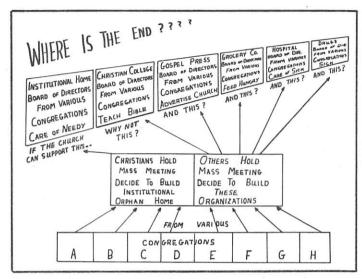
The difference between the individual and the church is seen by showing the difference between the MONEY of the two.



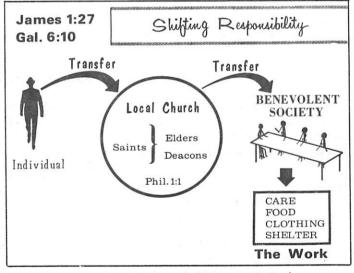
In the wisdom of God the church is adequately equipped to do the work God gave it. It is the wisdom of Men which says that this work should be surrendered to human institutions.



When brethren contend that churches may build and maintain benevolent institutions through which to do church work why can they not build in stitutions through which to do other work? Where is the End?



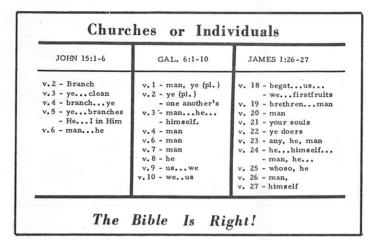
Two mistakes are made by our institutional brethren. They apply passages to the individual (Jas.1:27; Gal.6:10) to the church, then say the church can't do the work. The church turns the responsibility over to the Benevolent Society to do the work God gave the individual.



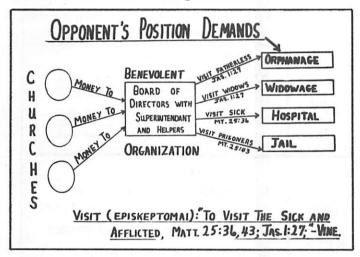
If the MAN in Jas. 1:27 and Gal. 6 means the CHURCH, then what does MAN mean in Jn. 15? How can opponent answer denom-



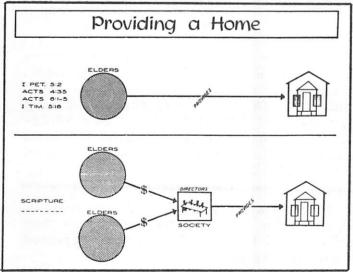
inational argument that churches are meant?



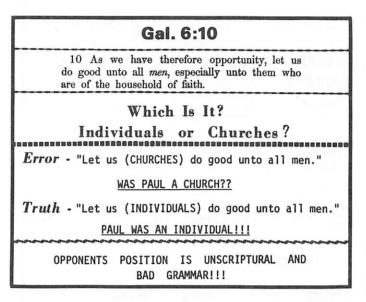
If VISIT (Jas.1:27) authorizes a Benevolent Organization to provide for orphans why doesn't it authorize one to provide for widows, the sick and prisoners?



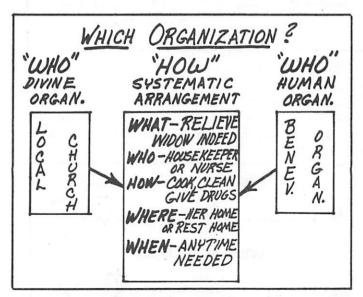
No one believes the church can be a home. We believe it can provide for its needy; opponent believes church must make contribution to Benevolent Society and let them care for the needy.



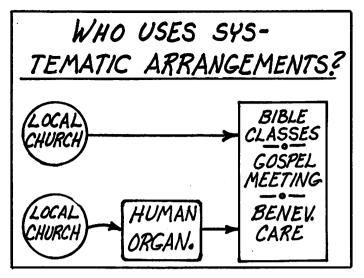
This chart proves that Gal. 6:10 refers to INDIVIDUALS: not churches. A rule of grammar says that the plural pronoun of the first person is used "when the speaker or writer refers to himself as associated with some other person or persons or in the editorial sense." (Rigdon, The English Sentence.)



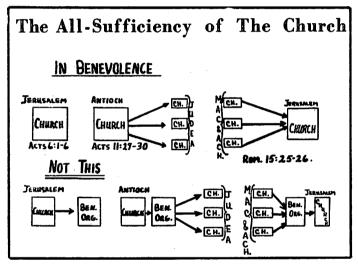
Our disagreement is not over HOW the needy are to be relieved, but over WHO (Which Organization) is going to do it. We believe the church should provide for its own; opponent says the Benevolent Organization should do it!



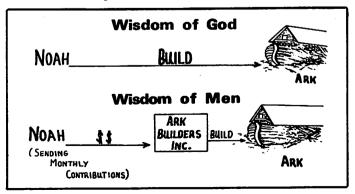
The Local Church may select the details in executing her responsibility. Human wisdom says the church should give to a human organization and let it do the work. The human organization has to select the same means or methods that the church would have used.



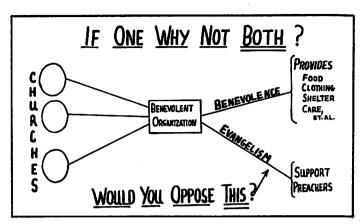
The Lord made the church sufficient to do all He gave it. The church is able to do its benevolent work without contributing to human institutions.



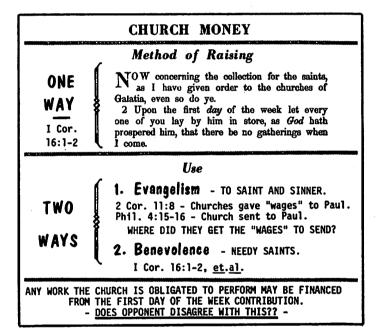
This chart uses Noah to illustrate the difference between our position and that of opponent. Opponent's position would allow Noah to make monthly contributions to Ark Builders, Inc. so they could build the ark for him.



A question we have frequently asked is this: Would you oppose it if Potter Orphan Home or Mid-Western Children's Home should begin to accept church contributions to preach the gospel rather than help needy children? Let opponent answer this!



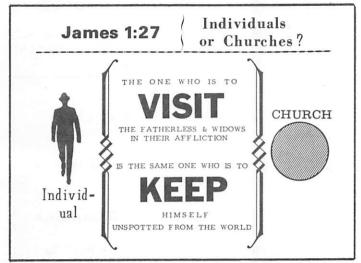
There is only one way to raise church money (voluntary offering of members), I Cor. 16:1-4. This money, so raised, may be used for any work the church has authority to perform. Will opponent deny this?



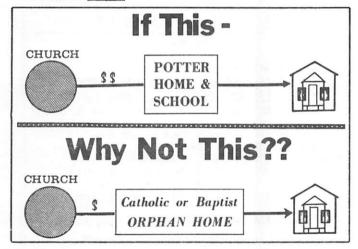
EXPEDIENCY

It is often argued that Benevolent Institutions and Herald of Truth are expedient. Please notice that (1) Expedients (or Aids) must be LAWFUL, I Cor. 10:23; (2) Cannot be specific; (3) Must EDIFY, I Cor. 10:23-33; 14:26; (4) Must not OFFEND (cause to stumble) conscience of a brother. I Cor. 10:32; 8:7-13

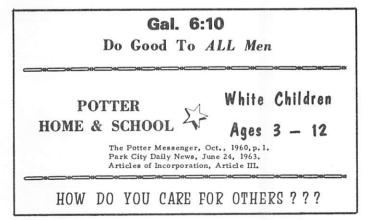
James 1:27 is written to the individual, who is both to VISIT the fatherless and widows and to KEEP himself unspotted from the world.



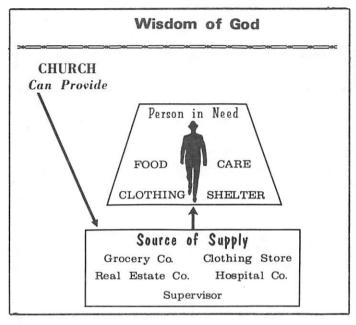
If the church may make contributions to a benevolent institution operated by Christians why may it not, in doing good to all men, contribute to institutions operated by Catholics and Baptist? Watch opponent limit benevolence!

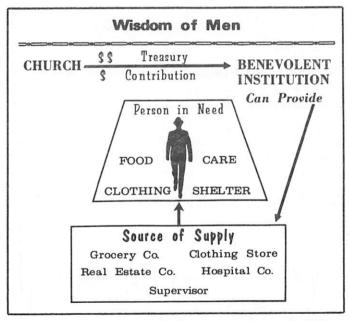


Institutionalist says they obey Gal.6:10 in contributing to Potter Home, but the "Home" can not provide for all ages and races. How do they care for the others? Does the church do it? If the church can provide for some for whom it is responsible without contributing to the benevolent institution why not all?



The next two charts show the difference between the two positions. Our position is that the church may go to the SOURCE OF SUPPLY and care for the person in need. Opponent says church should make contributions to human institution and let them relieve the person in need.





In Essentials: UNITY

In Opinions: LIBERTY

In All Things: LOVE

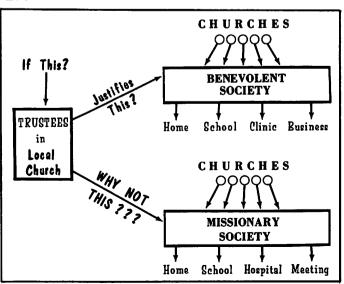
The word "Home" is used in 3 different senses. We oppose the corporate body (Human institution, whether incorporated or not) and not the family relationship or place they reside.

The term HOME defined		
FAMILY RELATIONSHIP	DWELLING PLACE	CORPORATE BODY
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AN ORGANIZED CENTER OF FAMILY LIPE	ONE'S OWN DWELLING PLACE: THE HOUSE IN WHICH ONE LIVES.	THE NAME OF THIS CORPORA- TION SHALL BE POTTER OR- PHAN HOME & SCHOOL CORP THE PURPOSE OF THIS CORP- ORATION IS TO PROVIDE A HOME.

Often it is argued that the TRUSTEES in local church stand between the preacher and his "home" just as "Board of Directors" stand between church and the Orphan "home." This chart clearly sets forth the difference.

LOCAL CHURCH. 2. NO RIGHT TO ACT ON THEIR OWN.	. MAKE LAWS TO GOVERN BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION, L. HAVE RIGHT TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS.
4. CAN NOT RECEIVE & SPEND 4 MONEY AT THEIR DISCRETION IN WORK OF CHURCH. 5. CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT CONGREGATION.	CONTROLLED ONLY BY CHARTER THEY MADE. CAN RECEIVE & SPEND MONEY AT THEIR DISCRETION IN WORK OF BENEVOLENT INST. CAN EXIST WITHOUT FACILI- TIES AND PERSONNEL. CONTROLS EVERY HOUSE THEY BUILD.

If Trustees in the local church justify many churches doing their work through a benevolent society why do they not justify many churches doing their work through the Missionary Society? Let opponent tell us!



Sponsoring Church Charts

The word CHURCH is used in different senses in the New Testament.

CHURCH

- 1. USED IN GENERAL SENSE TO DESIGNATE ALL THE SAVED. MT. 16:18: EPH. 4:4 (1:22-23).
- 2. USED OF A LOCAL CHURCH, MT. 18:15-18; ICOR. 1:2: I THES. 1:1.
- 3. USED IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE SENSE, OR DISTRIBUTED. ACTS 5:11; 8:1,3; 12:5.
 - A. DISTRIBUTE: "5. LOGIC. TO USE (A TERM) SO AS TO CONVEY INFORMATION ABOUT EVERY MEMBER OF THE CLASS WHICH IT NAMES,...

A local church is made up of local government, treasury, discipline, worship and work. Each local church is adequate to do the work God has given.

WHAT IS A LOCAL CHURCH?

INVOLVES

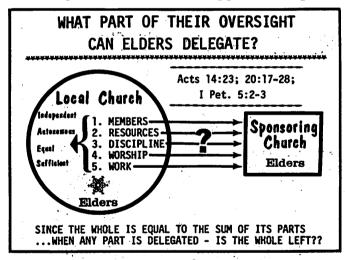
- I. LOCAL GOVERNMENT. ACTS 14:23.
 - A. RELATIONSHIP OF CERTAIN MEMBERS TO CERTAIN OVERSEERS, PHIL. 1:1
 - B. DECISIONS CAN BE MADE, I COR. 16:3-5.
- 2. LOCAL TREASURY, PHIL. 4:15-16; I COR. 16:1-2; II COR. 11:8-9; I COR. 9:14.
- 3. LOCAL DISCIPLINE, I COR. 5:1-13.
 4. ACQUECTIVE UNIT THAT WORSHIPS ...
 - A. ASSEMBLES, I COR. 11:18,20,33; 14:27; ACT\$20:7#EB. 10:25
 - B. EACH CHRISTIAN PARTICIPATES, ACTS 2:42;
- 5. A COLLECTIVE UNIT THAT WORKS (SEE 2 ABOVE). A UNIT OF FELLOWSHIP

Each local church is all-sufficient to do the God-given work in evangelism without either a Missionary Society or Sponsoring Church.

Each local church is to have elders (Acts 14:23). Their oversight is limited to one church. Each church is independent, autonomous, equal, and sufficient.



If elders may delegate part of their funds to a sponsoring church (such as Highland in Abilene) may they also delegate a part of their members, discipline, worship and work? Let opponent explain.

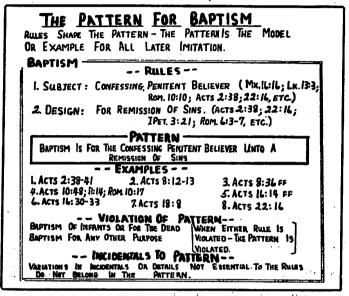


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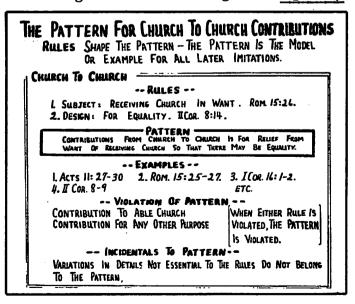
MUSIC IN THE N.T.	COLLECTIVE ACTION
Sing Acts 16:25 Rom. 15:9 1 Cor. 14:15 Eph. 5:19 Col. 3:16 Hob. 2:12; 13:15 Jas. 5:13	Local Church Eph. 4:7-16 Acts 14:23 Acts 20:28 1 Peter 5:1-4 Phil. 1:1,et.al.
Play	Churches Acting Jointly

We often show that God has authorized us to SING in worship and we challenge others to show where He ever authorized PLAYING. In the same way we can show that the Collective Action authorized by God is each church doing its own work. Let opponent cite book, chapter and verse for churches acting jointly!

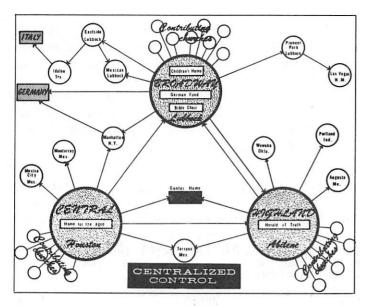
All that God says on a thing constitutes the pattern, be it one verse or a hundred. We teach the truth on baptism in this way.



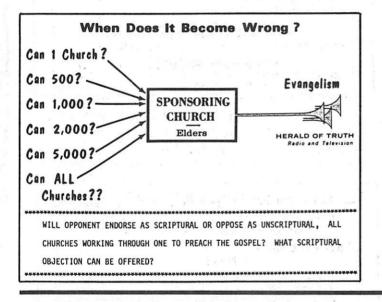
The truth about Church to Church contributions is learned in the same way. The receiving church must be in want (need) and the gift must be to bring about equality.



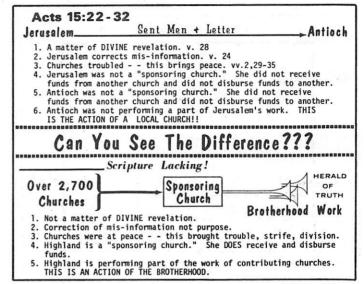
This chart on "Centralized Control" was made several years ago and uses three sponsoring churches to show how ridiculous this becomes. One preacher calls this the "Money in Orbit" chart.



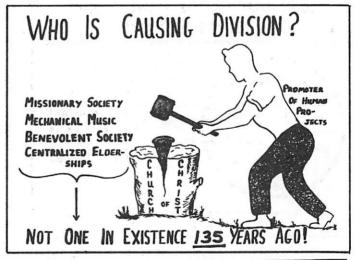
There is no authority in N. T. for as many as two churches pooling as much as one dime under the eldership of another church to preach the gospel. Let opponent tell us when this practice becomes wrong. Over 2700 churches now send money to the Herald of Truth. Could all churches?



Acts 15 is used as authority for the Herald of Truth type arrangement. This chart explains the difference and you can surely see it!



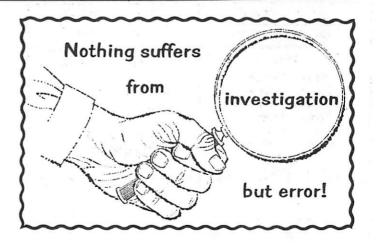
WHO IS CAUSING DIVISION? Is it those who oppose human inventions or those who introduce them? We are deeply concerned about the division, but remaining silent will not change the situation.



We Must Have A

"Thus Saith The Lord."

For All We Do!!



AUTHORITY 3		
General Command	Exped- iency	
Make Ark GEN. 6	ANY TOOL TO AID	
O MT. 28:19	WALK, RIDE, FLY, SAIL	
Teach MT. 28:20	SERMON, CLASS, INDIVIDUAL CHART, BOARD, PROJECTOR	
Assemble HEB. 10:25	HOUSE, RENT, OWN, RIVERSIDE	
VISIT Jas.1:27 RELIEVE I Tim.5:16	Any means or methods (HOW), details, incidentals); care, food, clothing, supervision, shelter, etc.	

AUTHORITY		
AUTHORIZED WHO	UNAUTHORIZED WHO	
NOAH Make Ark.Gen.6:14	METHUSELAH	
ABRAHAM Offer Isaac. Gen.22	SERVANT	
JEWS Keep Sabbath.Ex.20:8	GENTILES	
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Specific	Addition Addition	
Ark	ROWBOAT, CANOE,	
Sopher GEN. 6:14	OAK, POPLAR, PINE	
Passover Lamb	HEIFER, PIG, HORSE	
Baptism ROM. 6:4	SPRINKLE, POUR	
Sing EPH. 5:19	PLAY	

ALITHODITY

WHEN GOD SAYS NOTHING

GABRIEL? MICHAEL ? + CHRIS other ?

JUDAH ? SIMEON ? + Heb. 7:14 + LEV other ?

Acts 15:24

NO COMMANDMENT - NO RIGHT TO SPEAK

1 Cor. 4:6

DO NOT GO BEYOND WHAT IS WRITTEN

2 Jn. 9

IF GO BEYOND DOCTRINE - HAVE NOT GOD

Wisdom of Men - Foolishness - 1 Cor. 3:19 Propaganda Devices		Wisdom of Men Foolishness - 1 Cor. 3:19	Wisdom of God	
NAME CALLING	ASSOCIATION	Propaganda Devices	SCRIPTURES	
& The Use of Invectives (Prejudice) "little faction,"	(Connection between man's o- pinions and object he defends.)	NAME CALLING		
anti"	Bible teaching-church relief of non-members and/or benevo- notional or prejudicial slo- lent institutions.	TABLOID THINKING		
TABLOID THINKING		TESTIMONIALS	i.	
(Emotional or prejudicial slo- gans or generalizations - no Bi-		BIFURCATION		
ole.) "25¢ bottle of milk feed	BAND WAGON (Appeal to majority.)	ASSOCIATION		
a starving baby" TESTIMONIALS	CARD STACKING	BAND WAGON	BOOK, CHAPTER,	
(What men or churches have	(Distortion or perversion of	CARD STACKING	& VERSE	

preached or practiced.) BIFURCATION

(Opposite extremes of truth.) EITHER let starving baby die OR church relieve non-members and/or benevolent institutions. fact, misrepresentation.)

INIQUITY - MT. 7:21-23

INIQUITY - (GR. ANOMIA)

DEFINED: "LAWLESSNESS" - A-G, P. 71; THE CONDITION OF ONE WITHOUT LAW, - EITHER BECAUSE IGNORANT OF IT. OR BECAUSE VIOLATING IT."-THAYER P. 48.

L. PROPHESY BY THY NAME. MANY 2. CAST OUT DEMONS WILL BY THY NAME. SAY 3. Do MANY MICHTY WORKS BY THY NAME.

"YE ... WORK INIQUITY JESUS "YOU ... PRACTICE WILL. LAWLESSNESS " SAY (NASB)

WHEN ONE SUCCESTS WE PRACTICE THINGS NOT FOUND IN THE LAW OF CHRIST, HE SUCCESTS WE SIN! IS LAWLESSNESS - IJn. 3:4.

THE TWO MEN IN ROMANS 14

I. WEAK IN FAITH, V. I. A. EATS HERBS, V. 2.

2. Do NOT JUDGE THE EATER OF ALL, V. 3.

1. FAITH TO EAT ALL THINGS V.2.

2. DO NOT SET AT NAUGHT THE HERB EATER V. 3. .

3. EATS NOT - UNTO THE LORD W.L. | 3. EATS UNTO THE LORD W.G.

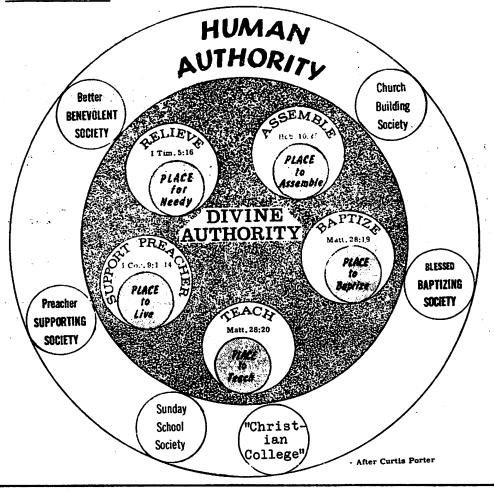
GOD IS THE JUDGE OF HIS SERVANTS x 4.

L ESTEEMS ONE DAY ABOVE ANOTH-ER. v. 5.

2. REGARDS DAY LINTO LORD, V.L.

I. ESTEEMS EVERY DAY ALIKE, V. 5.

LET EACH MAN BE ASSURED IN OWN MIND. V.S. FOR IF BECAUSE OF MEAT THY BROTHER IS GRIEVED THOU WALKEST NO LONGER IN LOVE. DESTROY NOT WITH THY MEAT HIM FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED." V. 15.

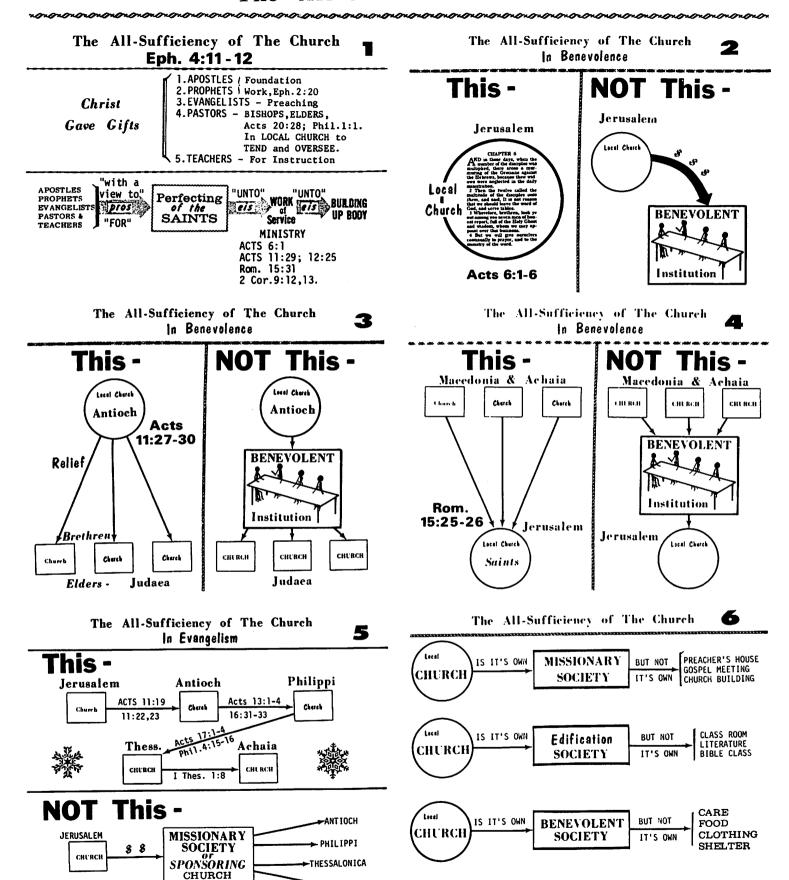


THINGS THAT DO NOT ALTER ONE'S FAITHFULLNESS TO GOD

I. WHETHER A MAN IS CIRCUMCISED OR NOT.

- A. TIMOTHY WAS, ACTS 14:3.
- B. TITUS WAS NOT, GAL. 2:3.
- 2. WHETHER A MAN IS MARRIED OR NOT.
 - A. PETER WAS. MT. 8:14.
 - B. PAUL WAS NOT, ICOR. 7: 8.
- 3. WHETHER A MAN EATS MEAT OR NOT, ICOR. 8:8. IT IS WRONG TO BIND ONE'S OPINION IN THESE PERSONAL MATTERS!

The All-Sufficient Church



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CHARTS ON EXTENT OF BENEVOLENCE

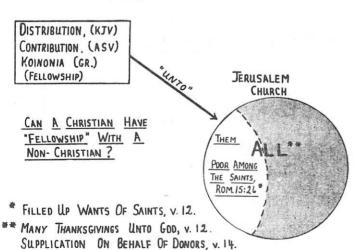
THE BENEVOLENT WORK OF THE CHURCH		
Scripture	To Whom Was Help Given?	What Organi- zation?
Acts 2:44-45 Acts 4:32-34 Acts 6:1-6 Acts 11:27-30 Rom. 15:25-26 1 Cor. 16:1-2 2 Cor. 8 - 9 1 Tim. 5:16	Believers Believers Believers Brethren Saints Saints Saints Saints	(Deacons) Elders Church Church
1. Whom did the congregation relieve? SAINTS? NON-CHRISTIANS? 2. What organization did the relieving? LOCAL CHURCH? SPONSORING CHURCH? BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATION?		

Support of Preachers	RELIEF OF SAINTS	RELIEF OF ALIENS
By INDIVIDUALS GAL. 4:4	By Individuals GAL 6:10	By Individuals Gal. 6:10
By Churches 2 Cor. 11:8	By Churches 1 Cor. 16:1-2	By CHURCHES

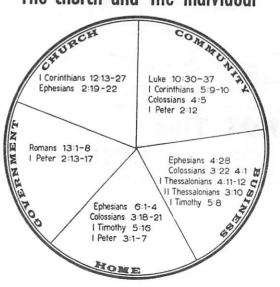
Baptize Believers "ONLY"	Church Relief of Saints "ONLY"
Mk. 16:15, 16 Acts 2:38,41 8:12, 13 8:36,38 10:47, 48 16:15, 33 18:8	Acts 2:44-45 Acts 4:32-34 Acts 6:1-6 Acts 11:27-30 Rom. 15:25-26 1 Cor. 16:1-2 2 Cor. 8-9 1 Tim. 5:16
Infant, Unbeliever	Non - Members

MUSIC IN THE N.T.	Local Church Relief In N.T.	
Sing Acts 16:25 Rom. 15:9 1 Cor. 14:15 Eph. 5:19 Col. 3:16 Heb. 2:12; 13:15 Jas. 5:13	Believers, Brethren, Saints Acts 2:44-45 Acts 4:32-34 Acts 6:1-6 Acts 11:27-30 Rom. 15:25-26 1 Cor. 16:1-2 2 Cor. 8-9 1 Tim. 5:16	
Play	Non-Members	

II COR. 9:12-15



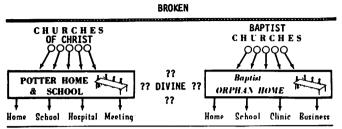
The church and the individual





DIVINE





MAY CHURCH SUPPORT BOTH?

See article "The Synagogue in James 2:2," by F. Jenkins, in SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES, Sept., 1968.

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ACTION	PLACE			
The Individual	ter D			
AKES, EATS, SUPS,	Where Does			
REMEMBERS, vs. 24, 25	The Individual Eat The Lord's Supper?			
HOWS LORD'S DEATH, v. 26				
AN EAT, DRINK UNWORTHILY, v. 27	- Matthew 26:29			
AN BE GUILTY OF THE				
BODY, BLOOD OF CHREST,27	In The Assembly!			
XAMINES HIMSELF, v. 28	in the Assembly:			
AN EAT, DRINK DAM- NATION TO HIMSELF, v. 29	- vs.18, 20			

THE "WE" AND "US" IN GALATIONS IS PAUL TALKING ABOUT CHURCHES OR CHRISTIANS?

IF WE ARE TO UNDERSTAND GALL: 10, WE MUST KNOW!

1. GAL 3:13 - REDEEMED "US", BEING MADE A CURSE FOR "US"! 1. GAL 5:1 - CHRIST HATH MADE "US" FREE.

3. GAL. 5:25-LET "US" ALSO WALK IN THE SPIRIT.

4. GAL. 5:26-LET "US" NOT BE DESIROUS OF VAIN GLORY.

5. GAL. 4:28- NOW "WE" ARE THE CHILDREN OF PROMISE.

6. GAL. 4:31 - "WE" ARE NOT CHILDREN OF THE BOND WORLD.

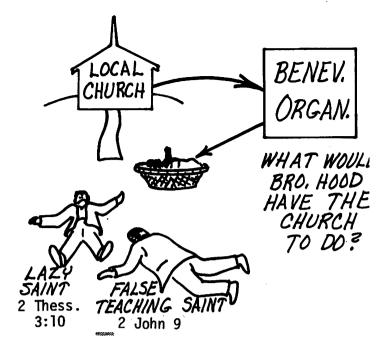
7. GAL. 5:5 - FOR "WE" WAIT FOR THE HOPE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

8.GAL. 5:25- IF "WE" LIVE IN THE SPIRIT LET "ILS" ALSO WALK.

9. GAL. 6:9 - "WE" SHALL REAP IF WE" FAINT NOT.

10. GAL. 4:10 - As "WE" HAVE OPPORTUNITY, LET "US" DO GOOD.

THE CHURCHES OF GALATIA WERE COMMANDED TO ASSIST THE SAINTS!!! I COR. 16:1.2.



Synacogue (Sunagōgē) Is A Material BUILDING

I. BUILT. LK. 7:5.

2. STAND IN. MT. L:5.

3. CHIEF SEATS IN. MT. 23:4.

EARLY CHRISTIANS SOMETIMES MET IN SYNAGOGUES . ACTS 9:2; 22:19; 24:11.

IN JAMES:

L WRITTEN TO JEWISH CHRISTIANS, JALI-L 2. "COME INTO YOUR SYNAGOGUE," JAS. 2:2

3. "SIT THOU HERE", JAS. 2:3.

4. "STAND THOU THERE", JAS. 2:3.

Church (EKKLESIA) MET IN "ONE PLACE" I COR. 14:23

2 Cor. 9:13

- 1. Money RAISED for Saints, 1 Cor. 16:1-2 Rom. 15:26.
- Money SENT to Saints, Rom. 15:25; 1 Cor. 16:3.
- Money RECEIVED by Saints, Rom. 15:31.
- 4. Money SUPPLIED WANTS of Saints, 2 Cor. 9:12.
 - DID PAUL MISAPPLY THESE FUNDS? -

ADDITIONAL CHARTS ON INSTITUTIONALISM

N. T. BENEVOLENCE

Individual	CHURCH To It's Own	CHURCH To CHURCH(ES)	CHURCH To BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION
Matt. 5:43-48 Matt. 25:35-40 Luke 10:30-36 Acts 4:36-37 9:36,39 20:34-35 I Cor. 16:15 Gal. 6:10 Eph. 4:28 I Tim. 5:16 I Tim. 6:18 Jas. 1:26-27 Jas. 2:15-18 I Jno. 3:17-18	Acts 2:44-45 4:32-34 6:1-6 I Tim. 5:16	Acts 11:27-30 Rom. 15:25-26 I Cor. 16:1-2 2 Cor. 8 - 9	?
This Is Unquestionably Right And Infallibly Safe			Opponent
Not In	MUST PROVE		

IF "VISIT" ("RELIEVE") AUTHORIZES A BENEVOLENT SOCIETY THEN "GO" AUTHORIZES A MISSIONARY SOCIETY - IF NOT, WHY NOT? -

WHO MADE LAWS WHERE GOD MADE NONE?

L. THERE IS NO COMMAND, EXAMPLE OR NECESSARY INFERENCE

A. WHERE CHURCHES OF CHRIST EVER BUILT A BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATION.

B. Where Churches of Christ Ever Sent A Child To A BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATION.

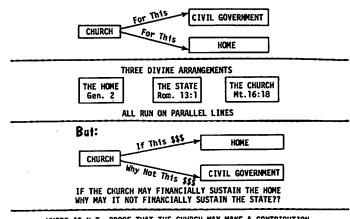
C WHERE CHURCHES OF CHRIST EVER CONTRIBUTED TO A BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATION.

D. WHERE CHURCHES OF CHAIST EVER HEARD OF A BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATION.

2. NOR 15 THERE COMMAND, EXAMPLE, OR NECESSARY INFERENCE WHERE CHURCHES - AS MANY AS 2 - EVER POOLED THEIR RESOURCES -As Much As A Dime-Under Any Group OF Men-Even A Group OF ELDERS - TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

OPPONENT'S WHOLE CASE RESTS UPON THE SUM TOTAL OF ABSOLUTELY NO SCRIPTURE!!!!

THE CHURCH IS NO SUBSTITUTE! WE AGREE!

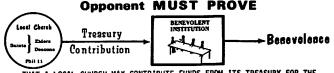


WHERE IS N.T. PROOF THAT THE CHURCH MAY MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ANY HOME - PRIVATE OR OTHERWISE?

Gal. 4:1 - 2
- In The AMPLIPIED VERSION -

- 1. Now what I mean is that as long as the inheritor (heir) is a child and under age,he does not differ from a slave although he is the master of all the estate;
- 2. But he is under guardians and administrators or trustees until the date fixed by his father.





THAT A LOCAL CHURCH MAY CONTRIBUTE FUNDS FROM ITS TREASURY FOR THE CARE OF THE NEEDY TO SUCH INSTITUTIONS AS MID-WESTERN CHILDREN'S HOME AND POTTER ORPHAN HOME AND SCHOOL.

The Facts

ABOUT KENTUCKY FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL - MIDWAY, KY. - 1849

- Dr. L. L. Pinkerton, Midway, Ky., was one of the founders.
 Alexander Campbell commended it as worthy of church support.
 John T. Johnson & P.S. Fall were among first board of trustees.

ALL OF THESE MEN WERE AT THIS TIME CHARACTERIZED BY LIBERAL THINK-ING WITH REGARD TO THE NEW TESTAMENT - THE DIVINE PATTERN.

Notice

- 1. Dr. L. L. Pinkerton was first to publicly advocate instrumental
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 music in worship.
 a.Instrument used at Midway,Ky.,1859 (Just 10 years after KFOS)
 2. Alexander Campbell was first president of American Christian
 Missionary Society (1849).
 3. John T. Johnson was one of the 20 vice presidents of ACMS.
 4. P. S. Fall was a "foreign-manager" of the ACMS.

Information from SEASCH FOR THE AMCIENT ORDER, 1:172,173,178,311,312.

THESE MEN SAW NOTHING WRONG WITH THE CHURCH WORKING THROUGH HUMAN INSTITUTIONS - EITHER IN BENEVOLENCE OR EVANGELISM.

"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil.." - Ex. 23:2

Let's Go Back To The BIBLE!

SPONSORING CHURCH PLAN Parallel

- 1. Authorized to lay by in I Cor. store as prospered. 16:1-2.
- 1. Authorized to spend according to its ability. 2 Cor.

Individual

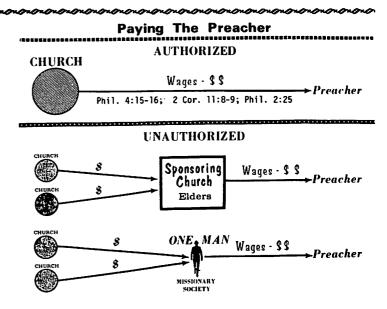
1. Where is the authority for an individual to PURPOSE to give more than he prospers? (Example: Makes \$100 per week, but PURPOSES to give \$1,000 a week to the church.)

- 2. Make known his ASSUMED purpose and beg other individuals and churches to come to his aid, so he can do this good
 - IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE

Local Church

- 1. Where is the authority for a local church to PURPOSE or PROMISE to give or spend more than its ABILITY? (Example: Highland, Abilene, Tex. Weekly budget, \$8,000.00, but PURPOSES to spend \$\$\$43,062.50 weekly on Herald of Truth a-lone. Constantly begging.)
- 2. Make known its ASSUMED purpose and beg other churches and individuals to come to its aid, so it can do this good work.

THEN WHY CAN THIS BE DONE?





Acts 14:23; 20:28 Phil. 1:1

Local Church Bishops - Elders

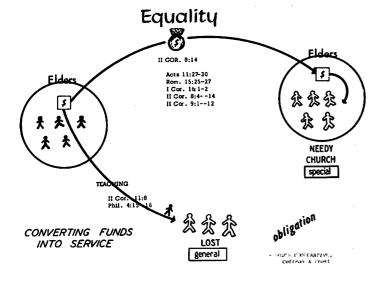
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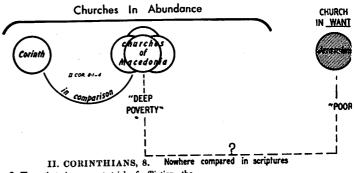
n overeer, a man charged with
e duty of seeing that things
ghe done by others are done
ghtly, any curator, guardian,
superintendent; - Thayer, 243, Acts 14:23; 20:28 Phil. 1:1

8 8 Sponsoring Local Church Bishops - Elders Church Dependent Bishops THESE GIVE UP THEIR DUTY TO SEE THAT THINGS ARE DONE RIGHTLY. THESE BISHOPS SEE THAT THINGS ARE DONE RIGHTLY. Unequal Gives Away Autonomy Insufficient

Sufficient

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY SPECIAL CHURCH SENDING SENDING THE TRUTH RESPONSIBILITY FUNDS TO ANOTHER Funds Converted to Service by CHURCH FOR THE **CHURCH** The Sending Church RECEIVING CHURCH With TO PREACH THE Abundance GOSPEL PHIL. 2:25 PHIL. 4:15-16 2 COR.11:8-9 ACTS 11:22-23 ACTS 15:22-32 T۵ **CHURCH** COL. 4:16 In Need Acts 11:27-30 Rom. 15:25-26 I Cor. 16:1-2 2 Cor. 8 - 9 This Is Unquestionably Right Opponent And Infallibly Safe MUST **Not In Proposition PROVE**



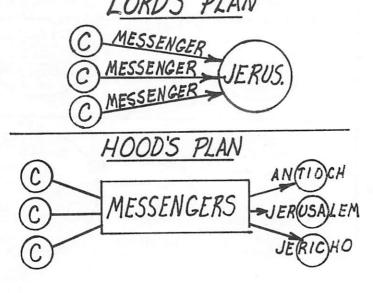


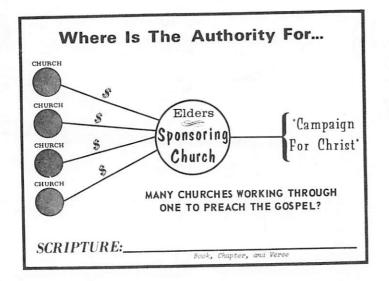
2 How that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

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PRACTICE	COMMAND	APPROVED EXAMPLE	NECESSARY INFERENCE
Paying a Preacher?	1 Cor. 9:4-14	2 Cor. 11:8-9	1 Tim. 4:12-15
Direct Support to Preacher?		Phil. 4:15 2 Cor. 11:8	
Elders Overseeing Work of Only One Church?	1 Pet. 5:1-3 Acts 20:28-30		1 Ti∕m. 3:5
Churches Sending to Saints in ''Want'' Elsewhere?	1 Cor. 16:1-4	2 Cor. 8-9 Acts 24:17	4
Elders Planning a Work Be- yond their Financial Ability?	?	?	?
Several Churches Working through One Church?	?	?	?
Elders Giving Funds to Human Organizations?	?	?	?

THE MESSENGERS OF 2 COR. 8 - 9.





- 2 COR.11:8-9 and PHIL.4:15-16 NOT THE SAME -

1. Paul,Luke, Timothy,Silas at PHILIPPI.Acts 16.
2. LUKE remained at PHILIPPI. Acts 16:40.
3. Paul and others to THESSALONICA. Acts 17:2.
4. Paul and Silas sent to BEREA. Acts 17:10
5. Paul sent by Sea to ATHENS. Acts 17:14-15.
6. Silas & Timothy remained at BEREA. A.17:14.
7. Paul waited for them at Athens. Acts 17:16
8. Silas and Timothy requested to come as soon as possible. Acts 17:15.
9. Timothy sent [from Athens] to THESSALONICA. I Thess. 3:2.
10. Paul left alone at ATHENS. I Thess. 3:1.
Paul preaches Sermon.Acts 17.
11. Paul went to CORINTH. Acts 18:1

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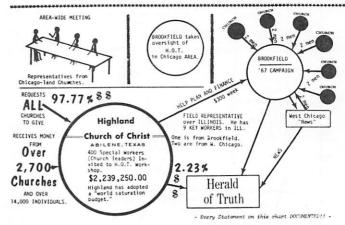
[Paul made tents. Acts 18:3.]
12. Silas and Timothy came from MACEDONIA. Silas and Timothy came from MACEDONIA.
Acts 18:5. Timothy came from THESSALONICA.
I Thess. 3:6.
[At this time Paul "began devoting himself completely to the word..." Acts 18:5, NASB.]
Paul robbed other CHURCHES to work at
CORINTH. He said brethren came from MACEDONIA and supplied his needs. 2 Cor.11:8,9.
Paul Silas and Timothy preached at Corinth

14. Paul, Silas and Timothy preached at Corinth. 2 Cor.1:19

From PHILIPPI to THESSALONICA is 101 MILES.

2 Cor.11 - Paul took wages of CHURCHES. Phil. 4 - No other CHURCH had fellowship.

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