

# The Local Church and the Christian

## In the area of economics

- God allows the individual Christian to go into business, work, and make a profit (Acts 18:3).
- **The local church is to obtain money in a different fashion (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).**



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## In the area of family

- Disciples can marry (1 Corinthians 7:2).
- Disciples can bear children (Ephesians 6:4).
- Disciples are to care for aged family (1 Timothy 5:8).
- **The local church has different instructions in this realm (1 Timothy 5:16).**



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## In the area of social activity

- Individuals can plan, pay for, and provide social events for themselves and others.
- **God wants this realm to be separate and apart from the work of His church.**



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In the area of helping the needy

- Individuals can use their resources to help whomever they want (Galatians 6:10).
- **The local church's funds are limited to needy saints (1 Corinthians 16:1).**



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In the area of restoration (Matthew 18:15-17)

- Step #1: individual goes alone (vs 15)
- Step #2: individual goes back with one or two more (vs 16)
- **Step #3: the church steps in (vs 17a)**
- **Step #4: the church withdraws (vs 17b)**



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- **The true mission of the church.**

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# **THE WORK OF THE CHURCH INCLUDES...**

**Worship and praise to God (Acts 2:42; 20:7).**

**Edifying one another (1 Corinthians 14:26).**

**Teaching the gospel (Mark 16:15; 1 Timothy 3:15).**

**Spiritual discipline (Matthew 18:17).**

**Equipping one another for spiritual service (Ephesians 4:12).**

**Supporting preachers (1 Corinthians 9:14).**

**Helping needy faithful Christians (1 Corinthians 16:1).**



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# **JUST BECAUSE I AM A MEMBER OF A CHURCH...**

- Doesn't mean that I don't have to obey John 4:24.
- Doesn't mean that I don't have to obey Matthew 28:19.
- Doesn't mean that I don't have to obey Galatians 6:10 and James 1:27.

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- **What God wants to draw men unto him.**



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