

Church Business & Jesus' Gifts (1)

A friend sent me an article about leadership in the church, part of which said faithful elders "will take the church out of the secular education, entertainment and recreation business. Youth activities often siphon funds from the church treasury to support fun and games . . . There is no Bible authority for the church support of such things [citing Colossians 3:17]. It is the work of the home to supply these needs, not the church."

This raises the question—What is the business of the church? Ephesians 4:11-12 says that Jesus gave the gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors (elders), and teachers to help saints. Some apostles were fishermen or tentmakers, but their work as apostles was not to equip saints to fish or make tents, to fish or camp together, or to teach others to do these things. With what did they equip and strengthen saints? In verses 13-15, we see it was with the faith, knowledge, and truth. With this, every person, every family, and every church can know what God expects, permits, and forbids.

So what business does God demand, permit, and forbid from the churches? See our article next week (or at our website today) for further study.