

Church Business & Jesus' Gifts (2)

Last week we noticed the gifts Jesus gave, asking “What is the church’s business?” (Eph. 4:11). Ephesians 4-6 shows Jesus’ purposes for those gifts is to equip and edify saints with truth so people, families, and churches can do His will.

The websites of many churches of Christ in this area show pictures of Valentine’s Day parties, retirement receptions, or seniors’ dinners which appear to be hosted by the church. What is the purpose of such occasions? Is it to equip and edify? Did Jesus give apostles, evangelists, or pastors to equip and strengthen the churches to host parties? If so, where is the verse? If not, there is no permission (authority) from God for that, thus He forbids it. God equips and expects the church to do its work and the home to do its work. Did you know there is a difference? Read 1 Timothy 5:1-16 to begin learning the difference. God has not equipped churches to plan or host recreation and parties. If someone has led a church into them, faithful elders (or others) will lead the church out of them and back to the business God gave the church. *(Send us your comments or questions--even if you believe we are wrong. Galatians 4:16)*