

Survey

1. A church should just teach the whole counsel of God and leave it up to the members to apply the word of God.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Don't know <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree	(Provide Bible References to support your answer)
2. A church's leadership structure should be hierarchical	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Don't know <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree	
3. A church should be heavily involved in proselytizing people.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Don't know <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree	
4. A christian should keep spiritual matters private.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Don't know <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree	
5. It's not necessary for a Christian to commit to one local church. It's healthy to attend different churches and take advantage of what each church has to offer.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Don't know <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree	
6. A church should be a counter-cultural community.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Disagree <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Don't know <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree	

Matthew 16:13-18

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”
¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

1 Timothy 3:14-15

¹⁴ Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, ¹⁵ if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶ But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three

witnesses.’ ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ “I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Colson, Charles. *The Body: Being Light in Darkness* (1996) (Selected Quotes) p.32

"But unlike earlier religious revivals, the aim this time is support, not salvation, help rather than holiness, a circle of spiritual equals rather than an authoritative church or guide. A group affirmation of self is at the top of the agenda which is why some of the least demanding churches are now in the greatest demand."

"What many are looking for is a spiritual social club, an institution that offers convivial relationships but certainly does not influence how people live or what they believe."

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"Fellowship is more than unconditional love that wraps its arms around someone who is hurting. It is also tough love that holds one fast to the truth and the pursuit of righteousness. For most Christians, the support side of the equation comes more easily than accountability and the subsequent discipline involved. Which is one reason the behavior of Christians is often little different from the behavior of non-Christians. Maybe it's because we simply haven't taught accountability. Or maybe it's because, in today's fiercely individualistic culture, people resent being told what to do, and since we don't want to 'scare them off,' we succumb to cultural pressures."

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"By responding to market pressures, the church forfeits its authority to proclaim truth and loses its ability to call its members to account. In other words, it can no longer disciple and discipline. But as alien and archaic as the idea may seem, the task of the church is not to make men and women happy; it is to make them holy."