

**Work Of The Church (VI)**  
*Benevolence, The Lord's Way*

# Importance of authority

Col.3<sup>17</sup> And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

# I. Principles To Remember

# There is a difference in church action and individual action

Mt.18<sup>15</sup> Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' <sup>17</sup> And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

# There is a difference in church action and individual action

1 Co.12<sup>12</sup> For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is Christ*. <sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> For in fact the body is not one member but many.

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1 Tim.5<sup>16</sup> If any believing woman has relatives who are widows, let her care for them. Let the church not be burdened, so that it may care for those who are truly widows.

# NT pattern for evangelism is not same as pattern for benevolence

Acts 6<sup>1</sup> Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.

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Ro.1<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

2 Th.3<sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

1 Tim.5<sup>16</sup>



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**II. We Must Not  
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# Duties of individuals

Mt.5<sup>43-48</sup> (sons)

Mt.6<sup>1-4</sup> (hands)

Mt.25<sup>31-46</sup> (charitable works; eternal rewards)

Lk.10<sup>30-35</sup> (Samaritan; neighbor)

Jn.19<sup>26-27</sup> (son; disciple)

Ac.9<sup>36-39</sup> (disciple; woman; her tunics...)

Ep.4<sup>28</sup> (him; hands; he)

Ja.1<sup>27</sup> (oneself)

# Duties of church to its own

Ac.2<sup>44-45</sup> (collective words)

Ac.4<sup>32-34</sup> (apostles' feet)

Ac.6<sup>1-6</sup> (apostles appoint)

1 Tim.5<sup>16</sup> (individual widow – church widow)

# Duties of church to another church(es)

Ac.11<sup>27</sup> And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. <sup>29</sup> Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. <sup>30</sup> This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

# Duties of church to another church(es)

Ro.15<sup>25</sup> But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. <sup>26</sup> For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.

# Duties of church to another church(es)

1 Co.16<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also:

<sup>2</sup> On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. <sup>3</sup> And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me.

2 Co.8-9

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**III. Brief History Of  
Orphan's Home Issue**