

# **The Church Of Christ**

## **Lesson 7: The Work Of The Local Church**

How has God authorized the local church to gain funds in order to accomplish its work?

### **1. Individual Versus Collective Action**

Why do we need to distinguish the two? What does 1 Timothy 5:3-16 demonstrate?

Discuss the authorized work of individual Christians.

What is the authorized collective work of the local church?

### **2. Evangelism**

How is evangelism the work of all Christians (individually)?

Must local churches (collectively) be teaching the Gospel? How are they authorized to accomplish this work?

### **3. Edification**

How is edification the work of all Christians (individually)?

Must local churches (collectively) be involved in edification? How are they authorized to accomplish this work?

#### **4. Benevolence**

How is benevolence the work of all Christians (individually)?

Must local churches (collectively) be involved in benevolence? How are they authorized to accomplish this work?

#### **5. Unauthorized Works**

Are churches (even “churches of Christ”) involved in any unauthorized works? Why does this matter?

List some unauthorized works that churches engaged in.

Are these (and other) unauthorized works justifiable simply because they may seem to be “good” works? Explain.