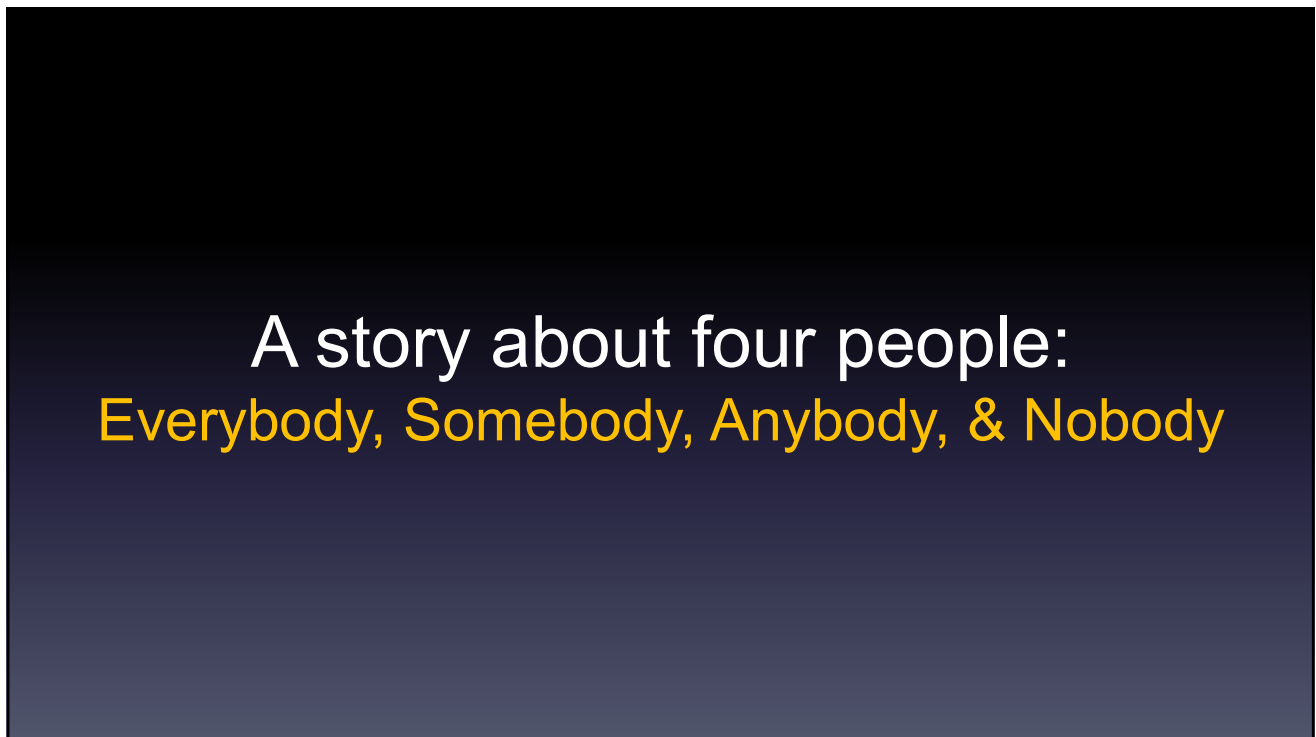




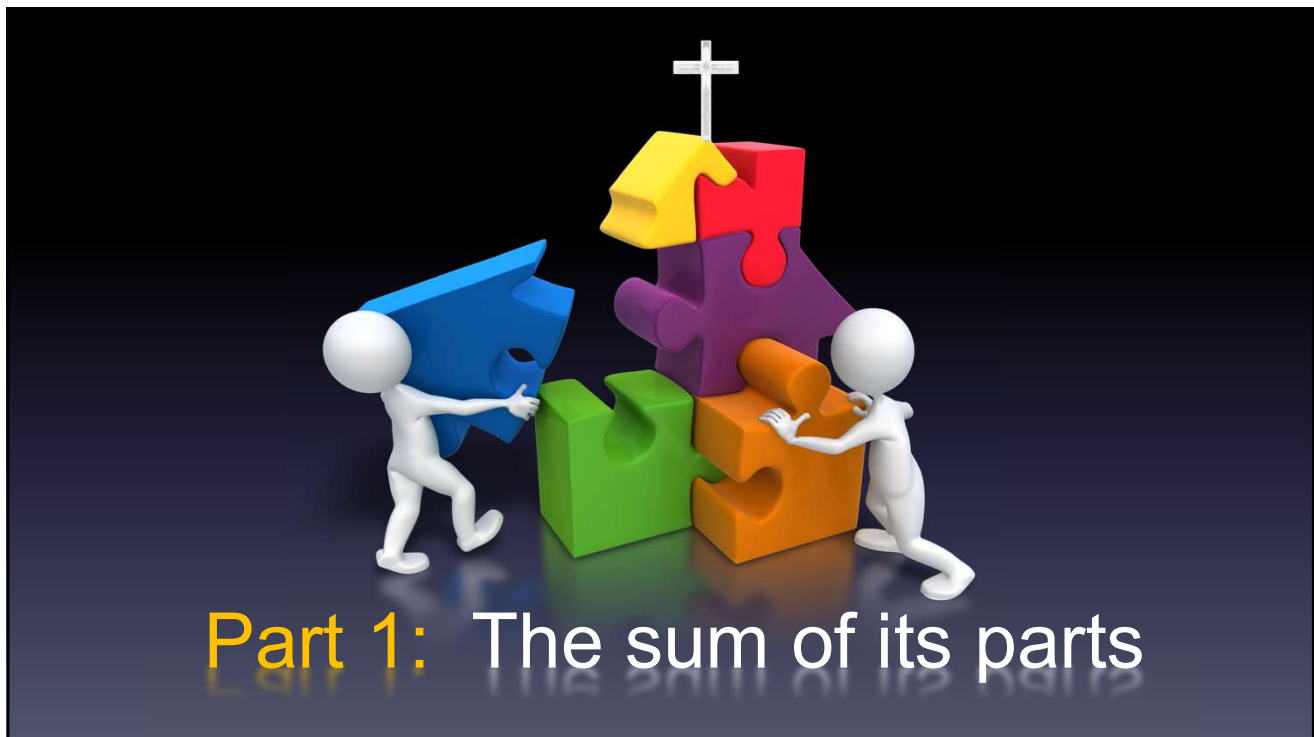
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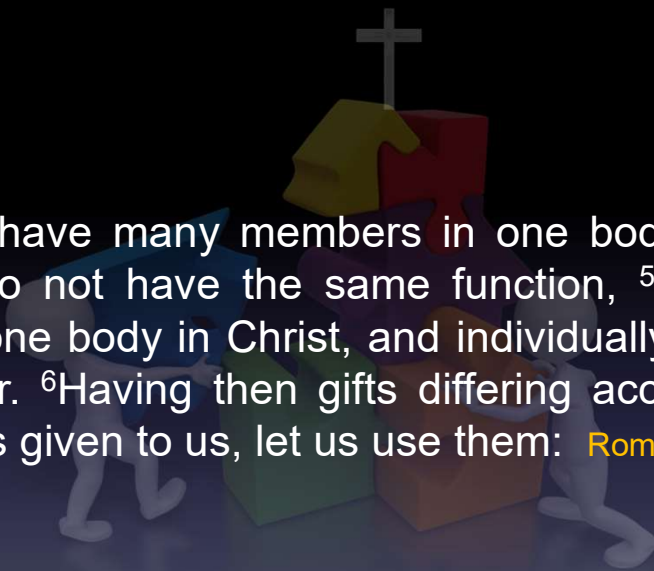
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There was an important job that needed to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** knew that **Anybody** could do it and thought that **Somebody** would. The problem was **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** for **Nobody** doing what **Anybody** could have done.

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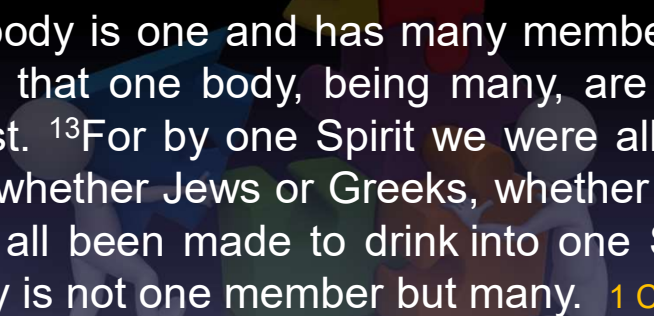


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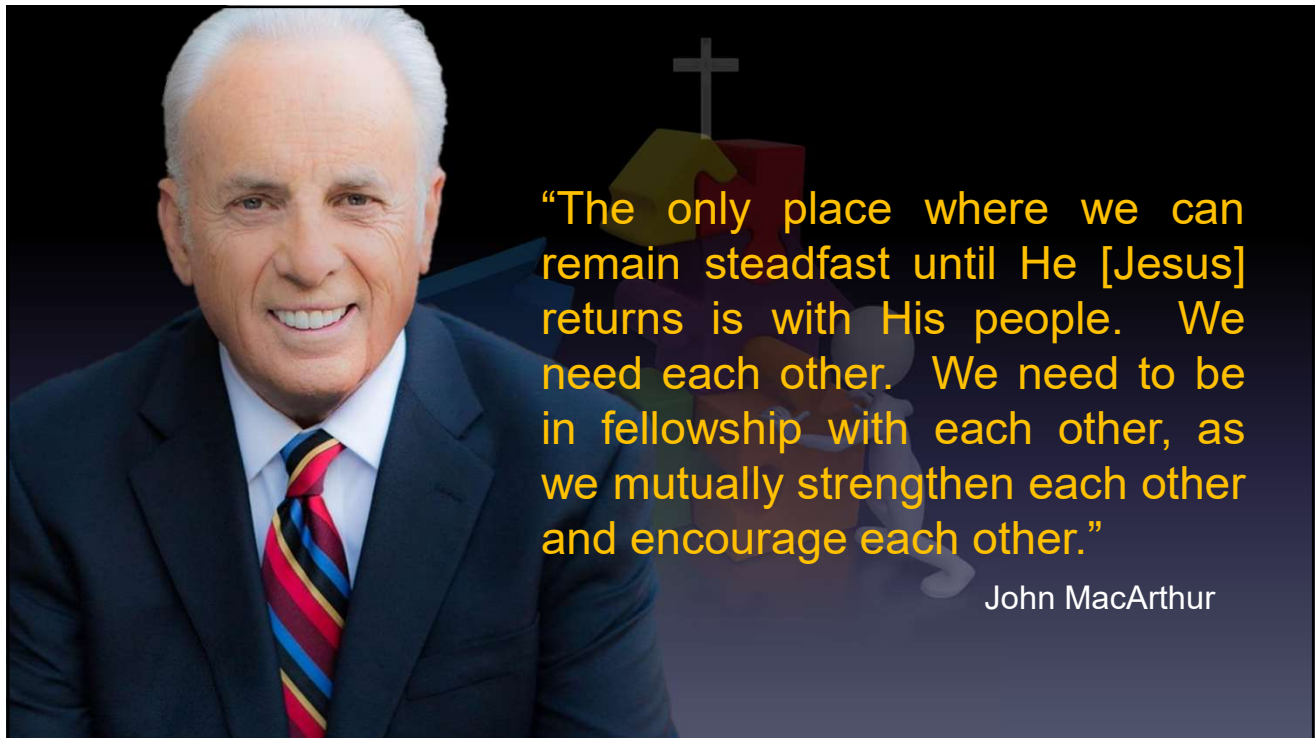
For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: [Rom 12:4-6](#)

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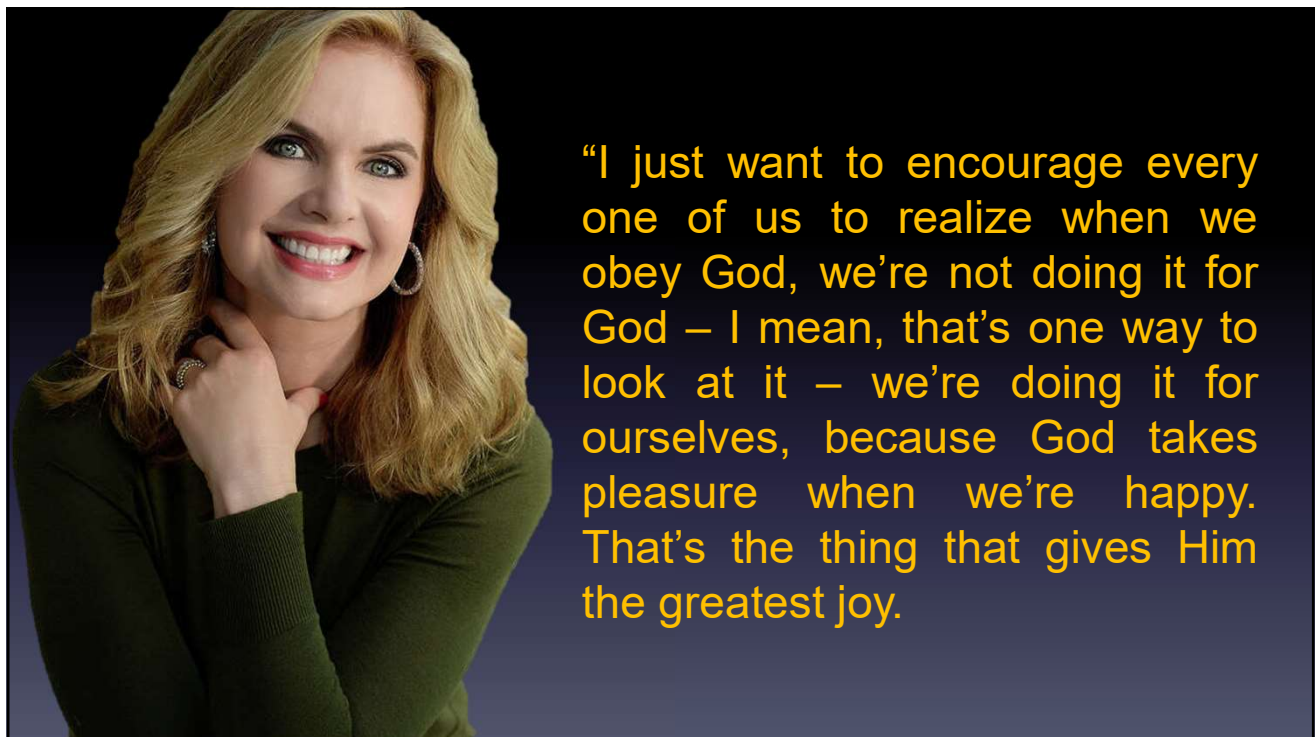


For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free – and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴For in fact the body is not one member but many. [1 Cor 12:12-14](#)

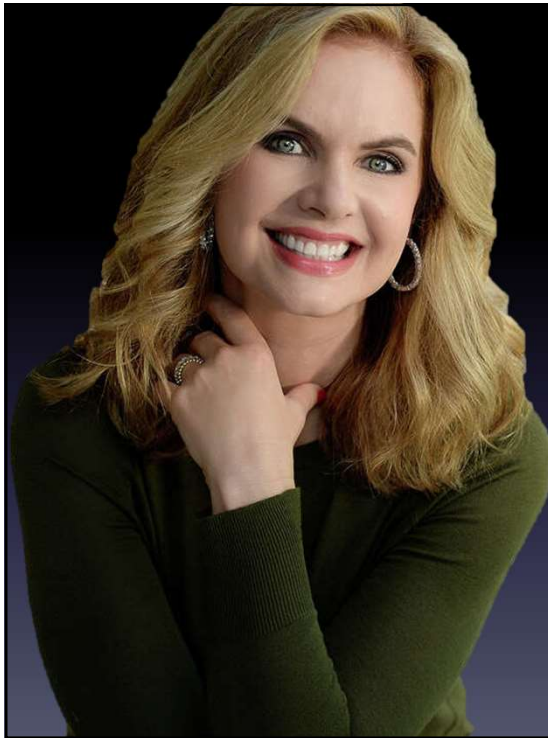
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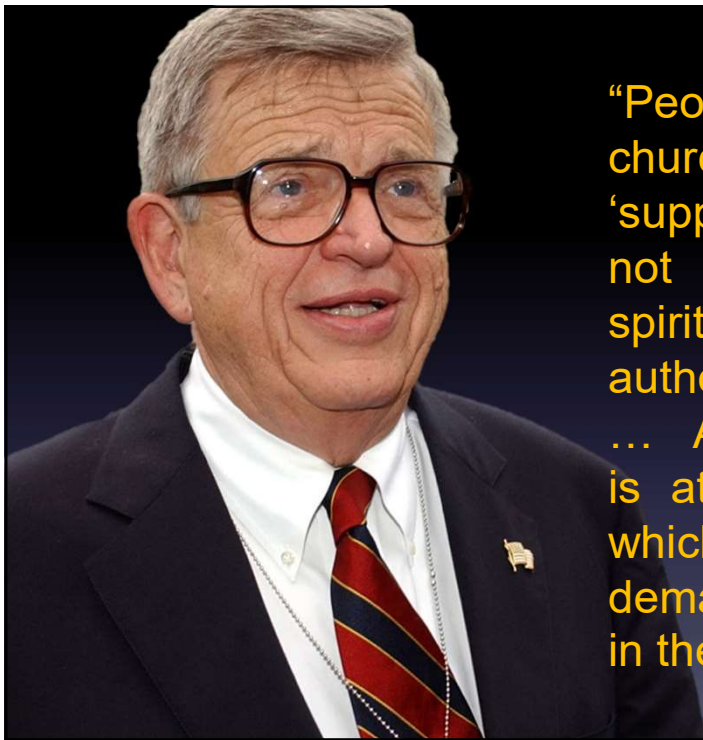


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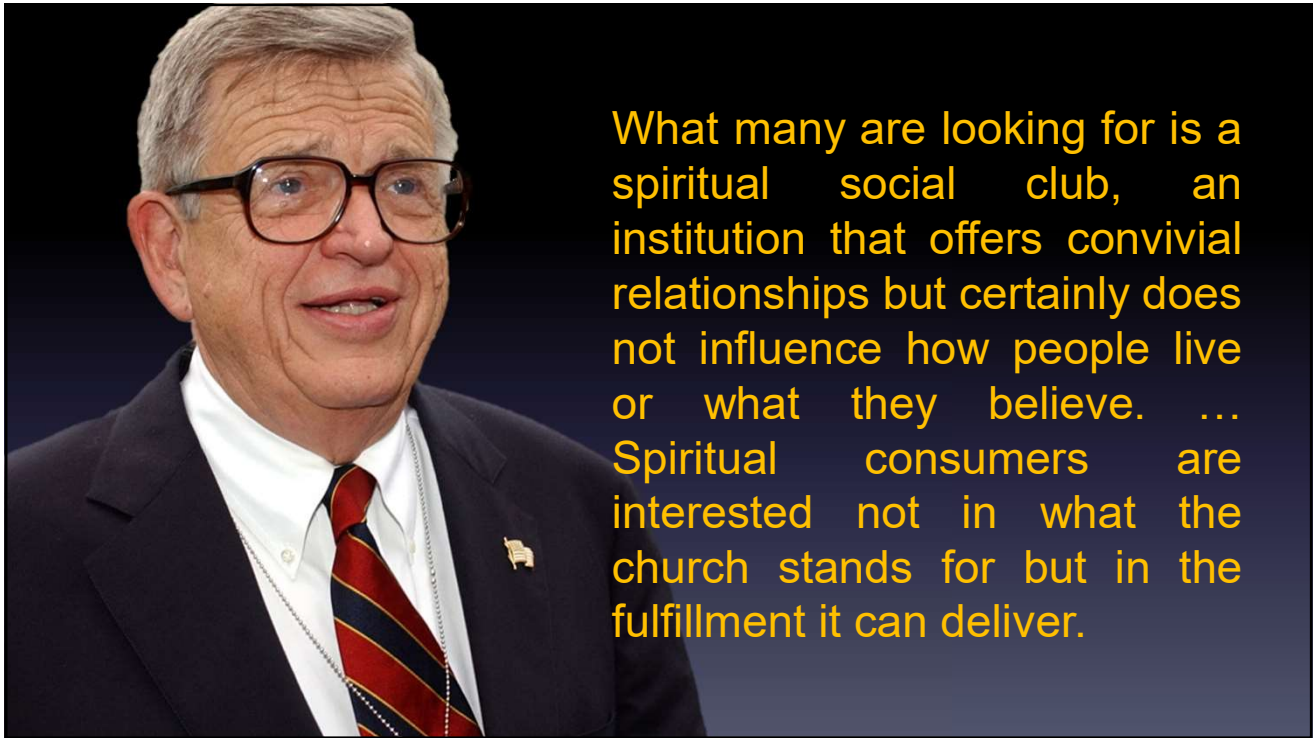
So, I want you to know this morning: Just do good for your own self. Do good because God wants you to be happy. When you come to church, when you worship Him, you're not doing it for God really. You're doing it for yourself, because that's what makes God happy. Amen?"

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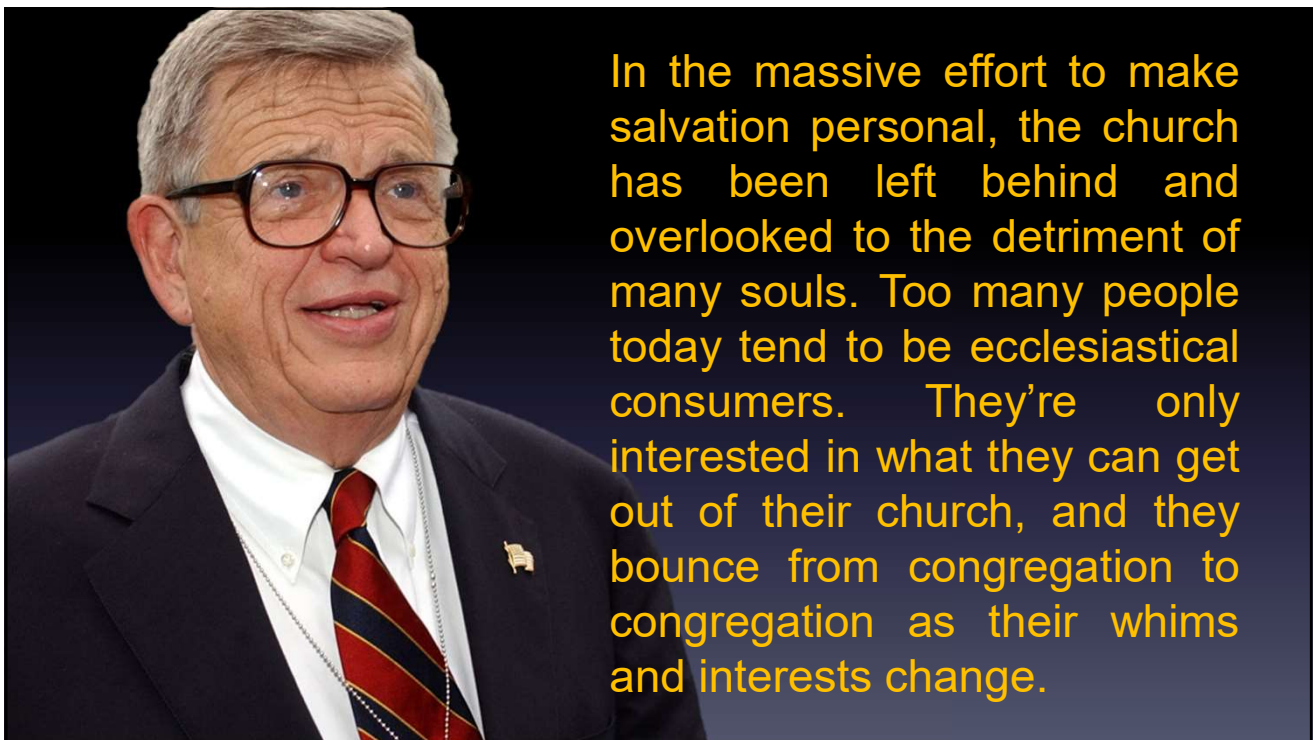


"People who are visiting the church today are looking for 'support – not salvation, help – not holiness, a circle of spiritual equals – not an authoritative church or guide.' ... A group affirmation of self is at the top of the agenda which is why some of the least demanding churches are now in the greatest demand. ...

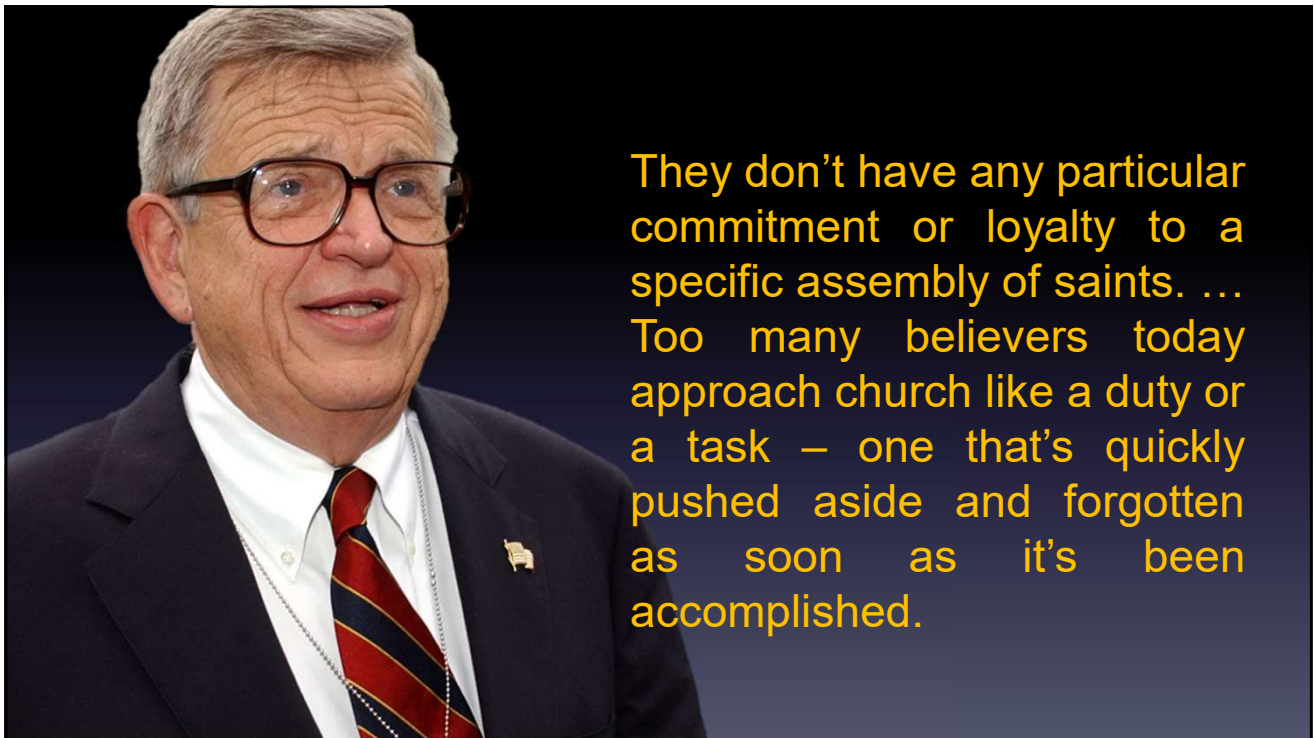
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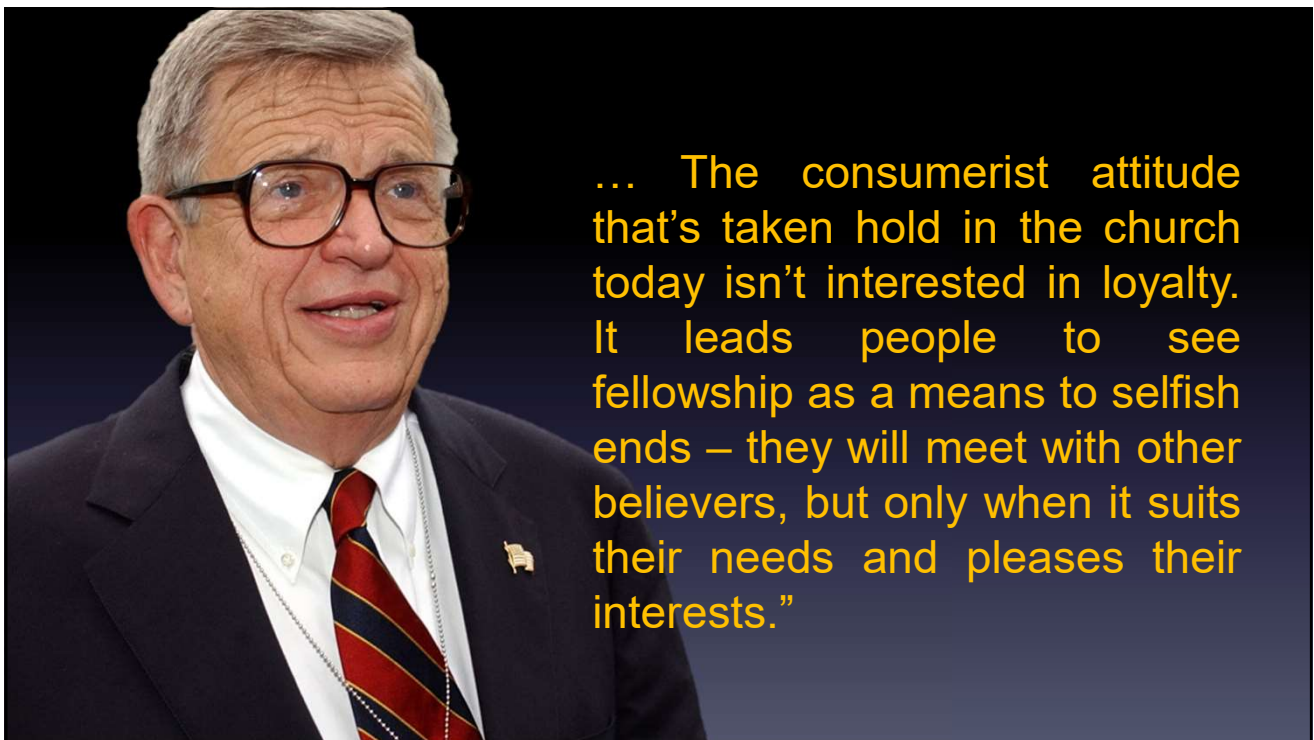
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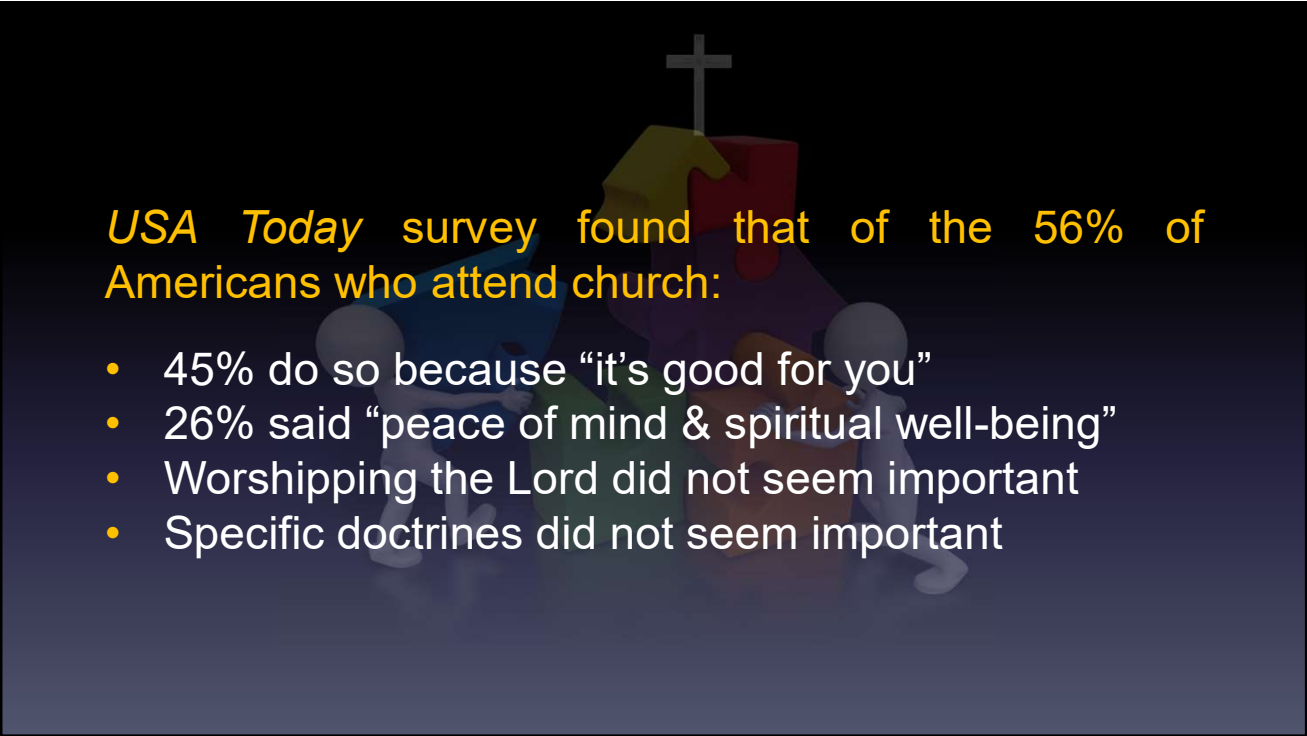
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USA Today survey found that of the 56% of Americans who attend church:

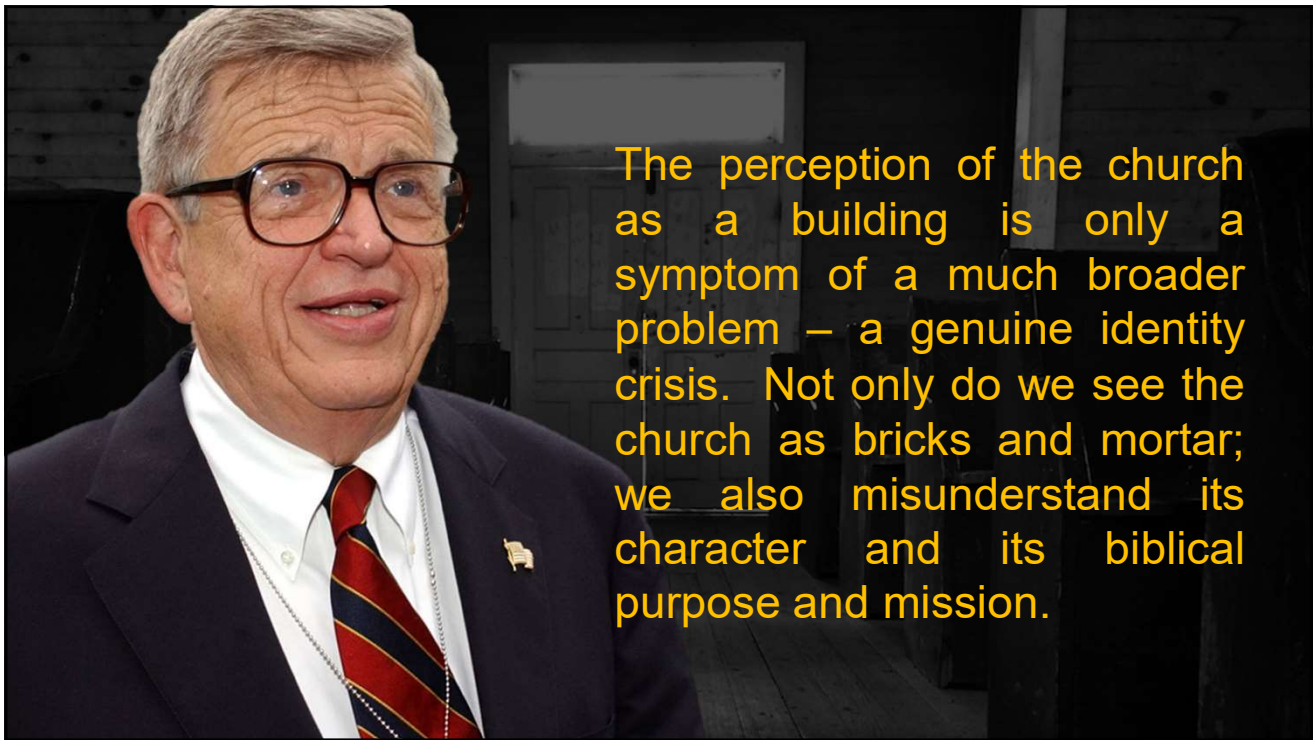
- 45% do so because “it’s good for you”
- 26% said “peace of mind & spiritual well-being”
- Worshipping the Lord did not seem important
- Specific doctrines did not seem important

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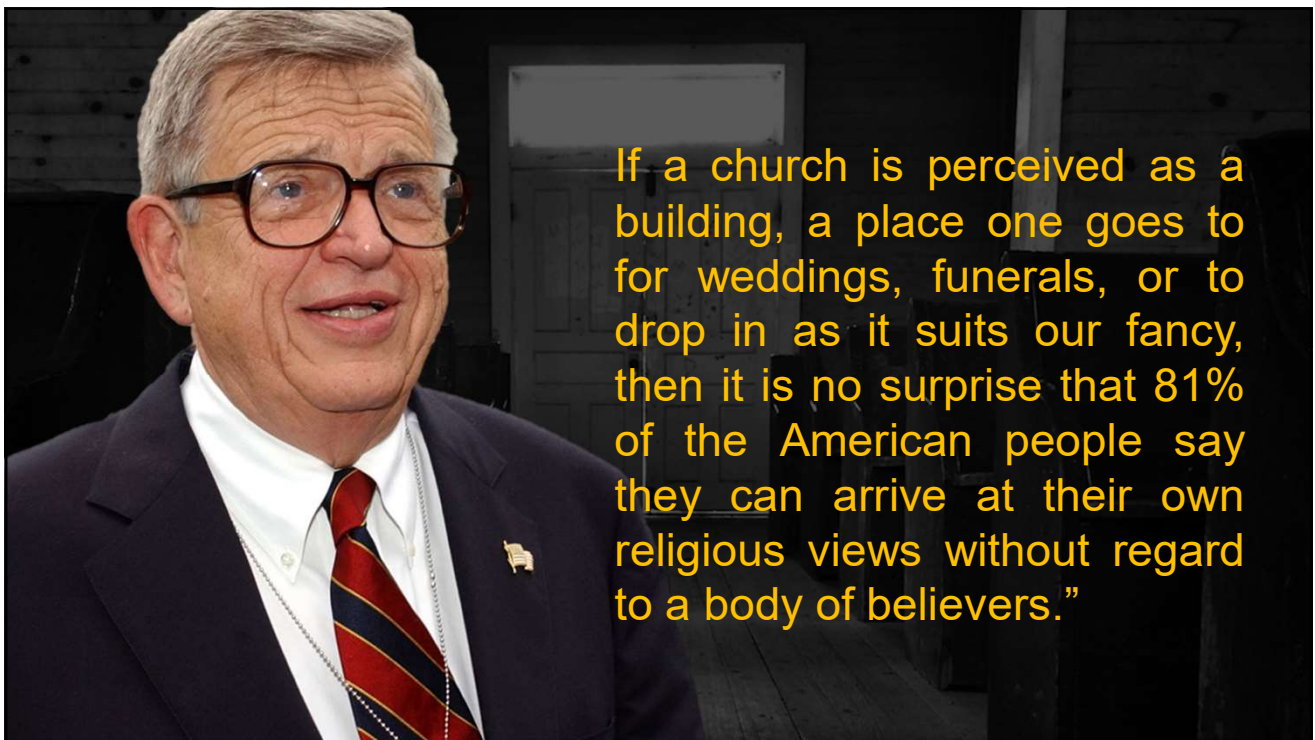


the church is not merely a building
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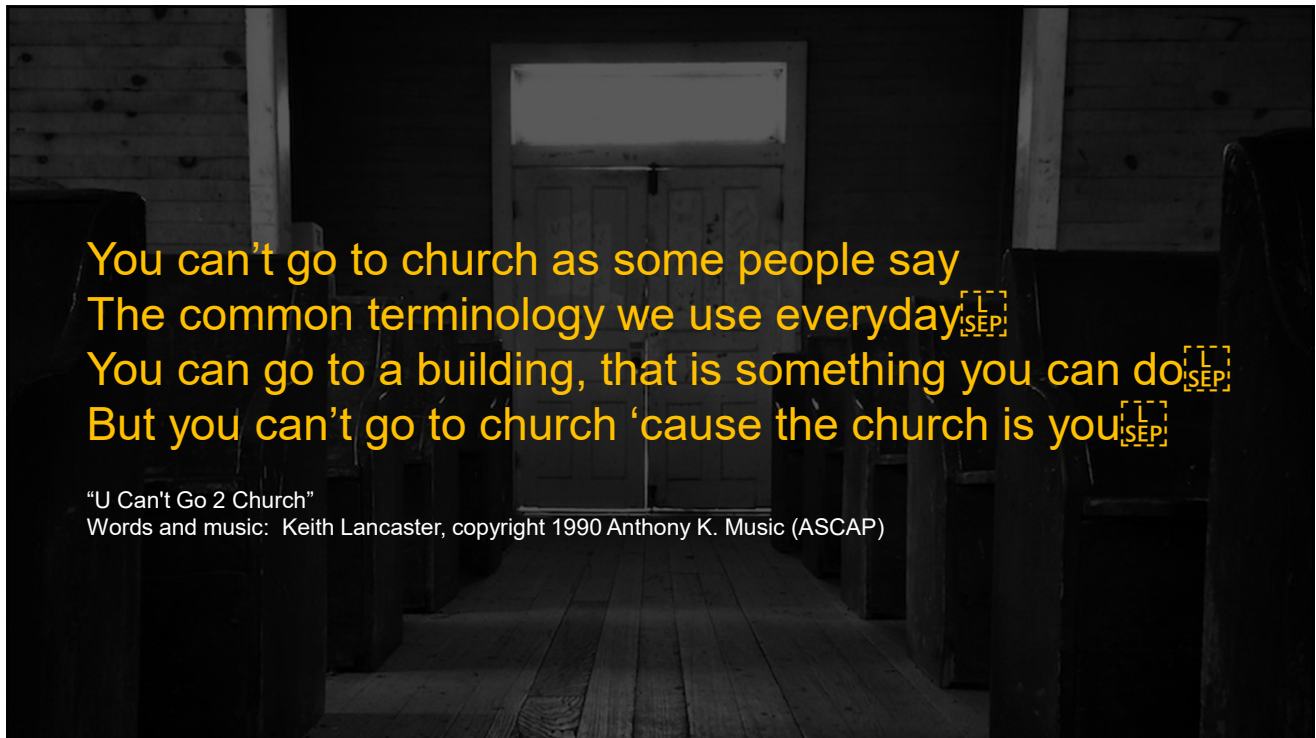
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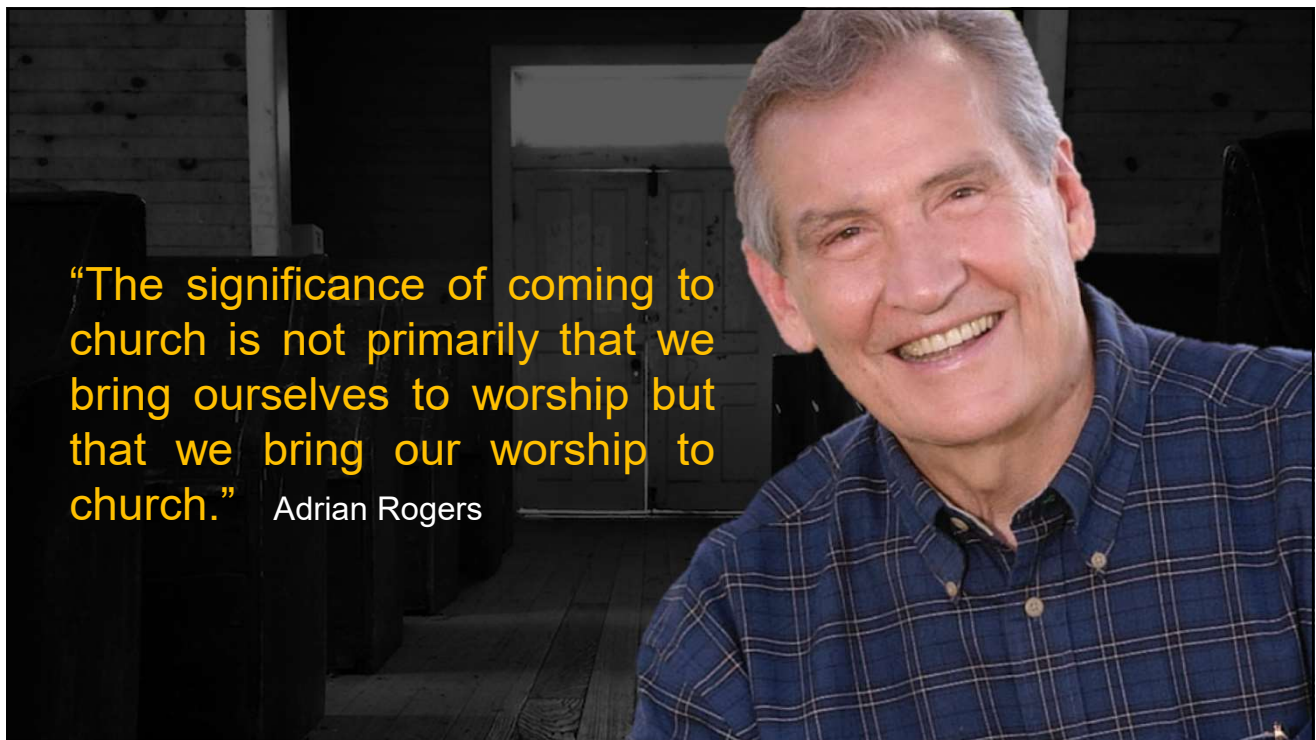
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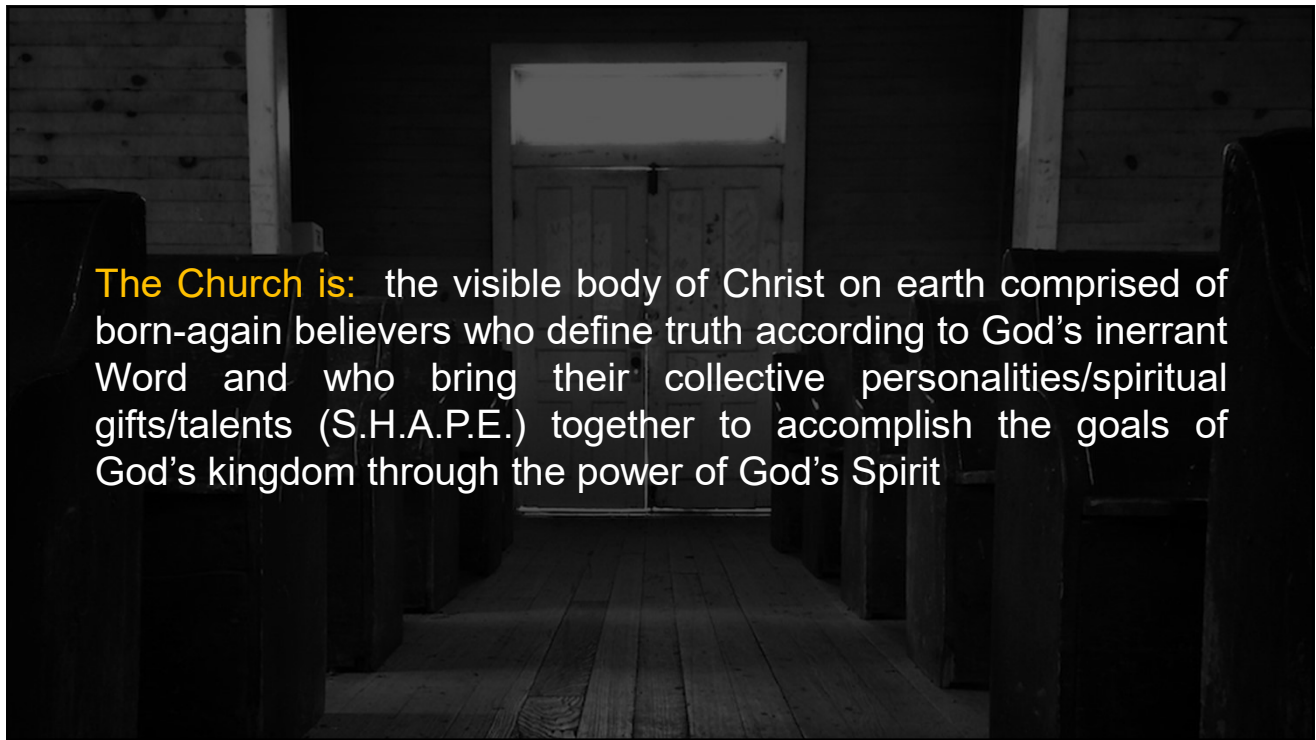
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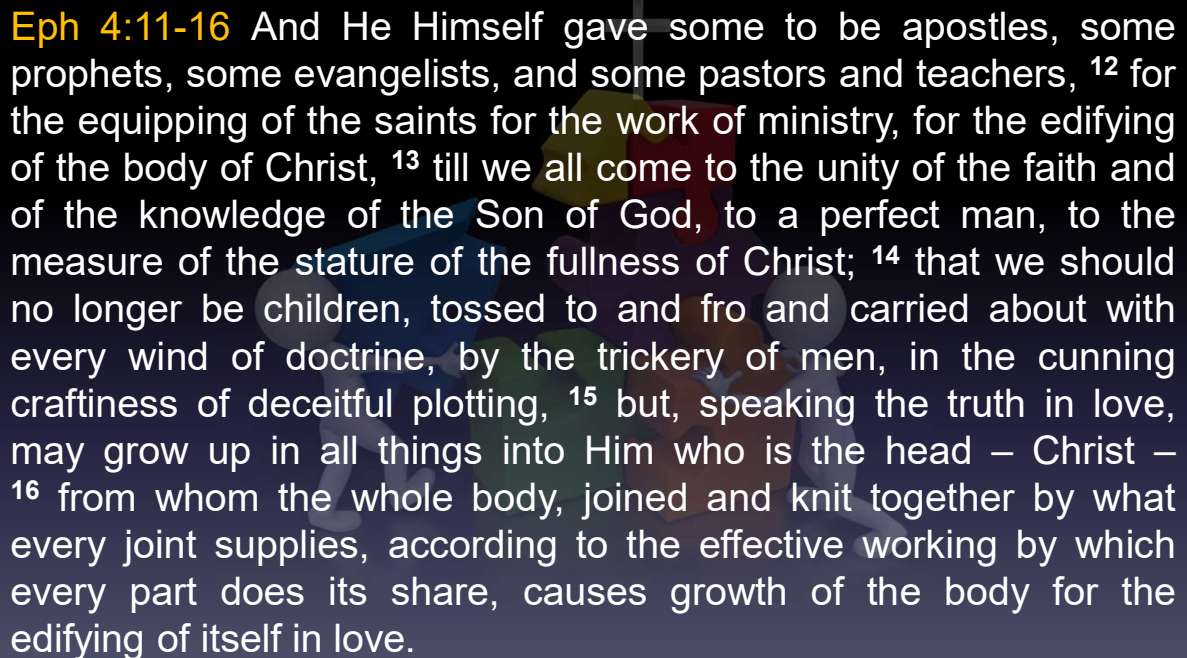
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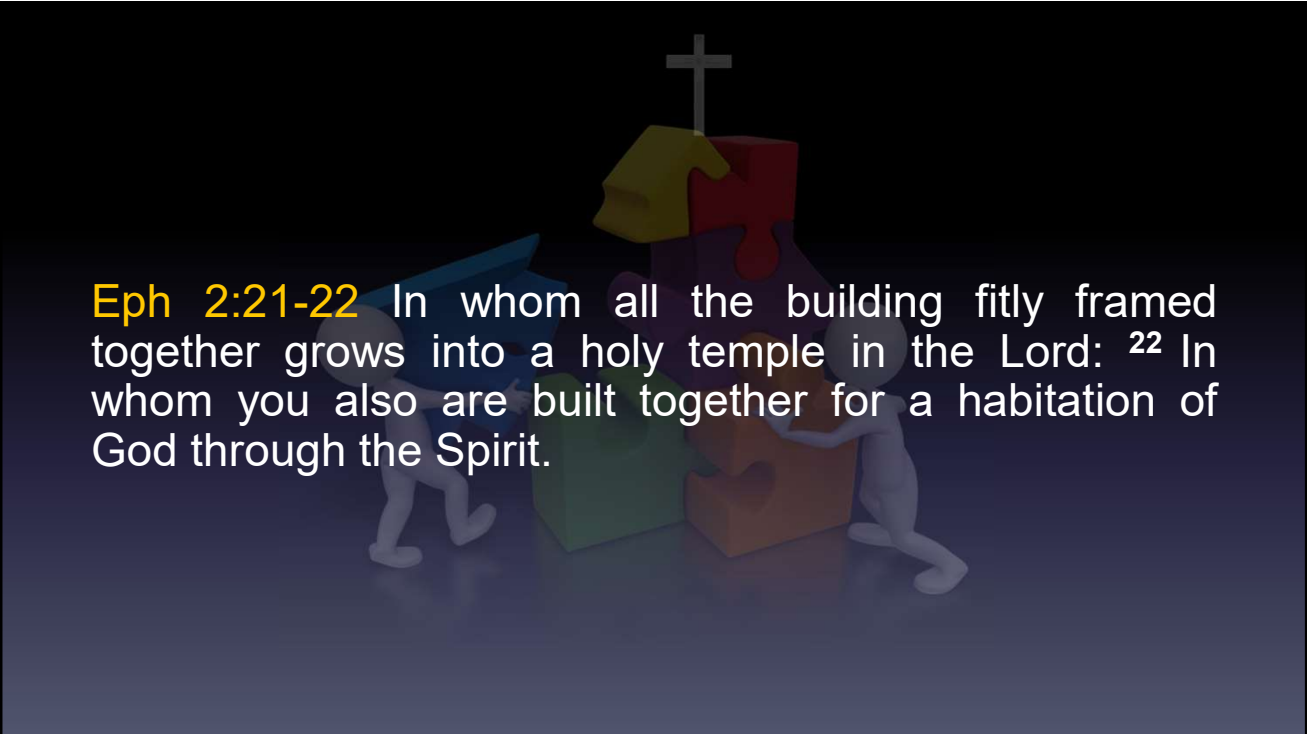


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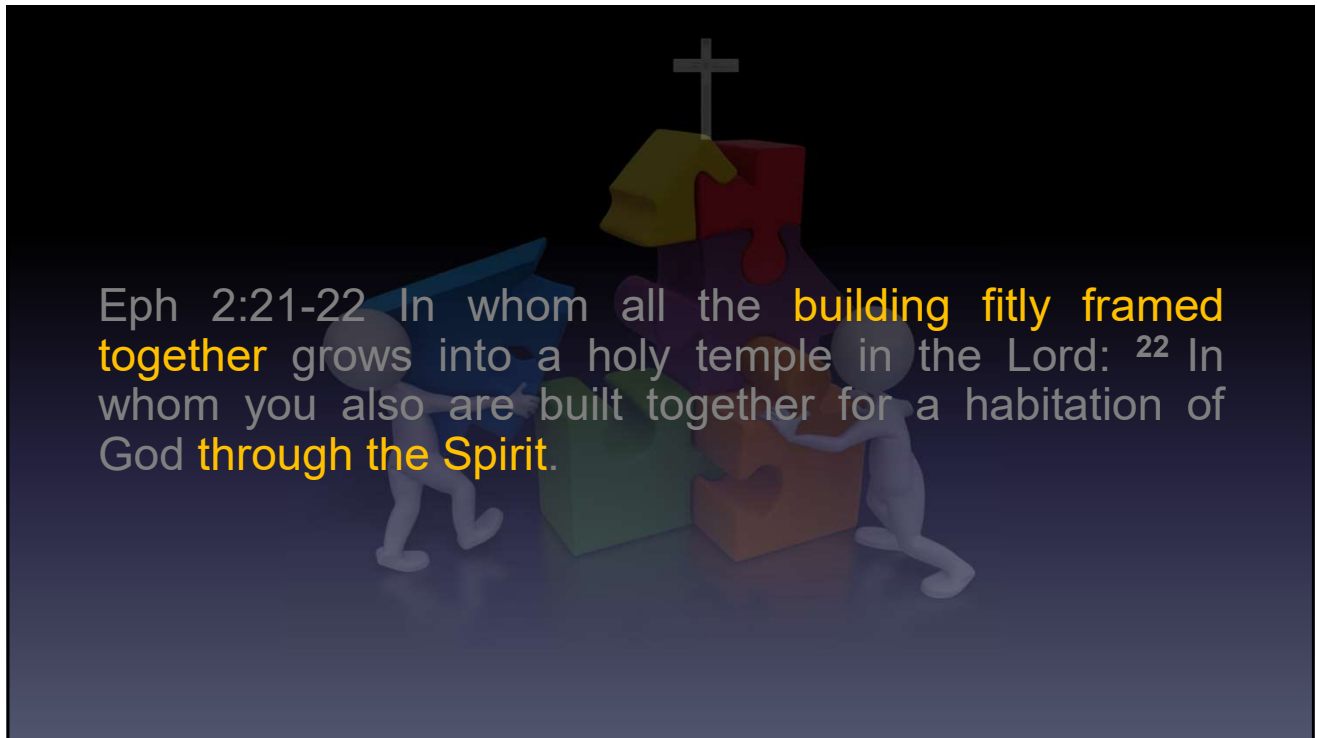
Eph 4:11-16 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ – ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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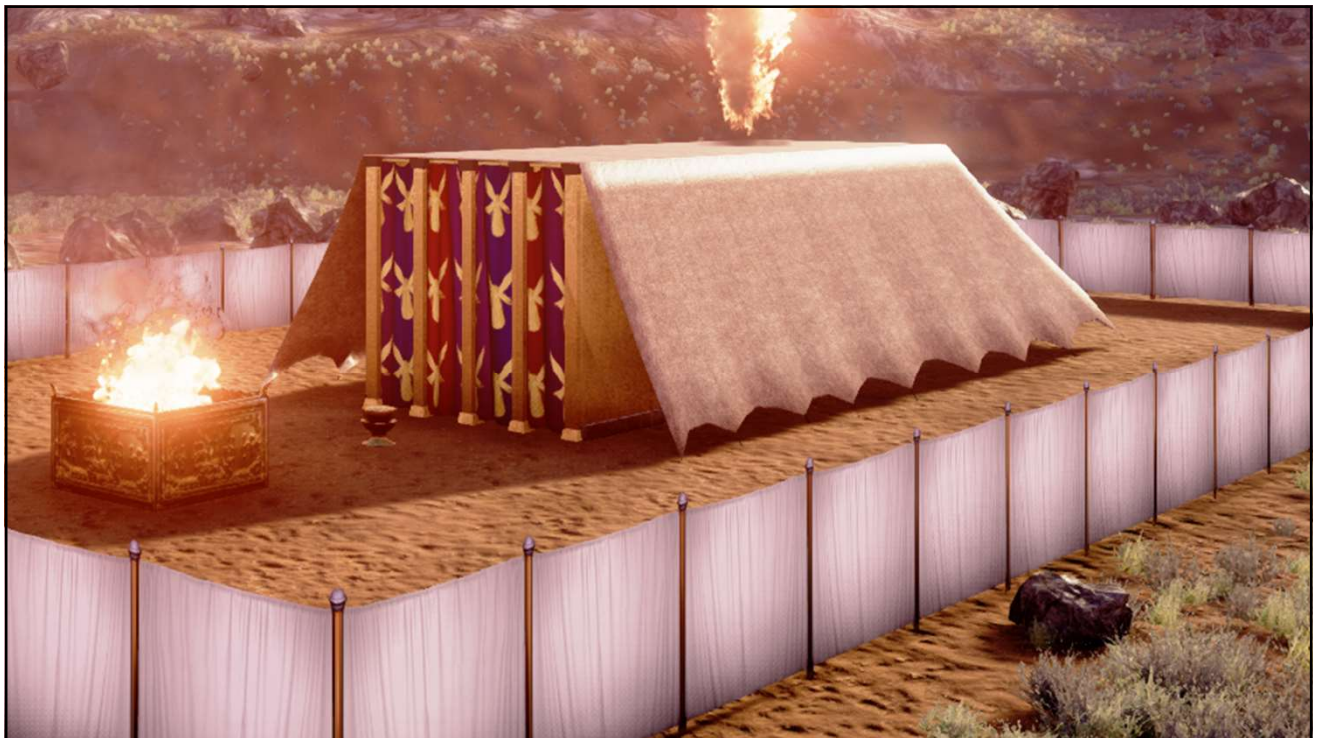
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Eph 2:21-22 In whom all the building fitly framed together grows into a holy temple in the Lord: ²² In whom you also are built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.

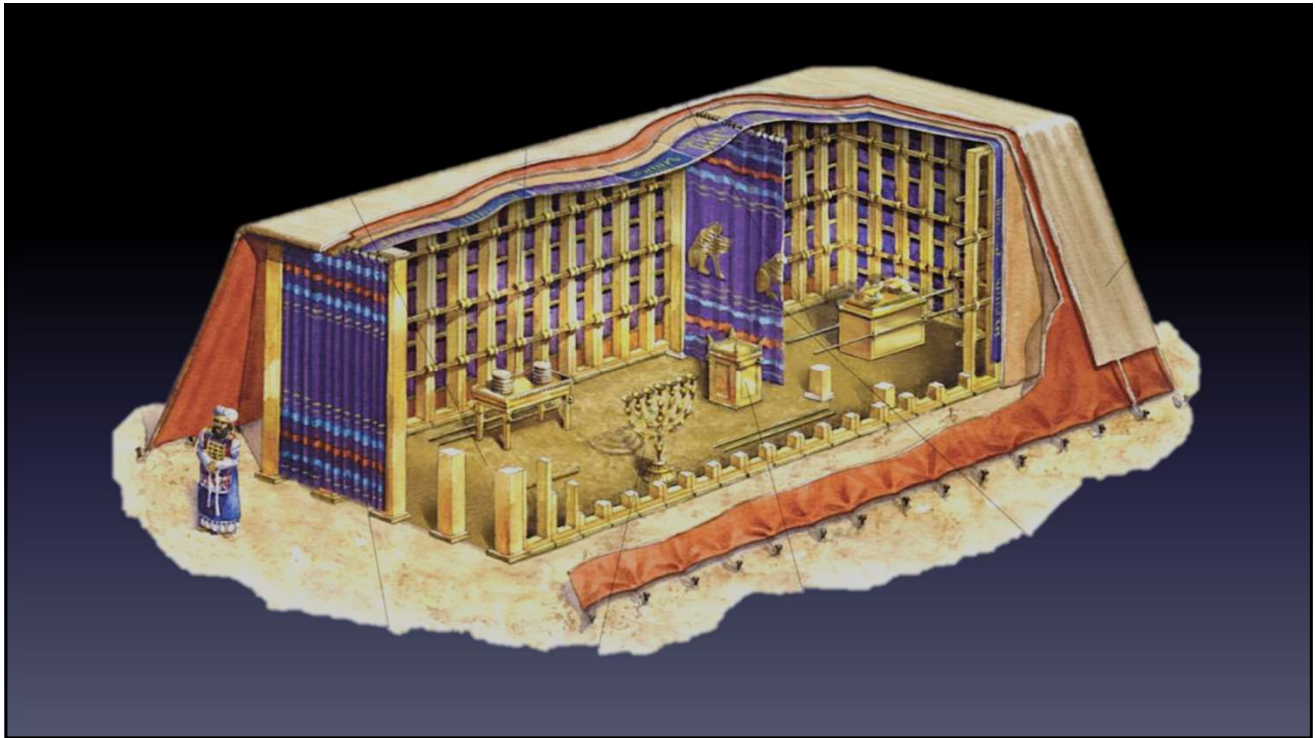
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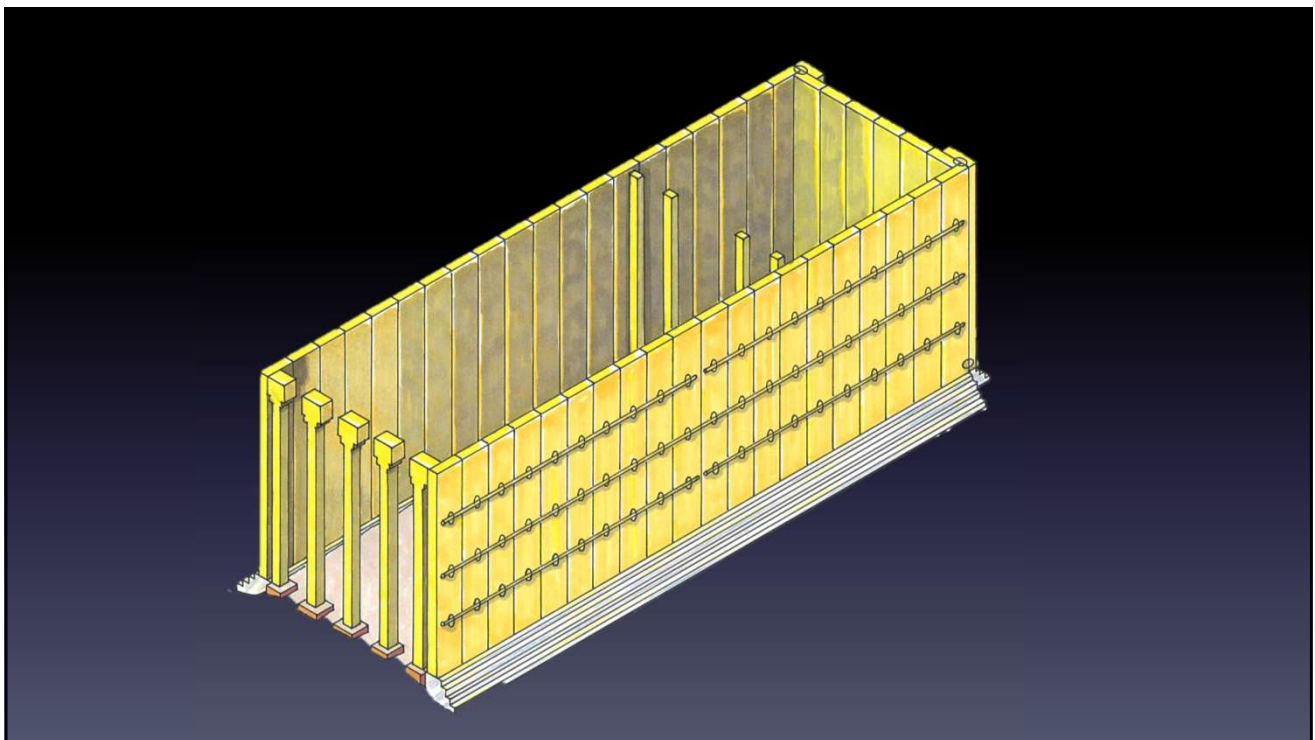
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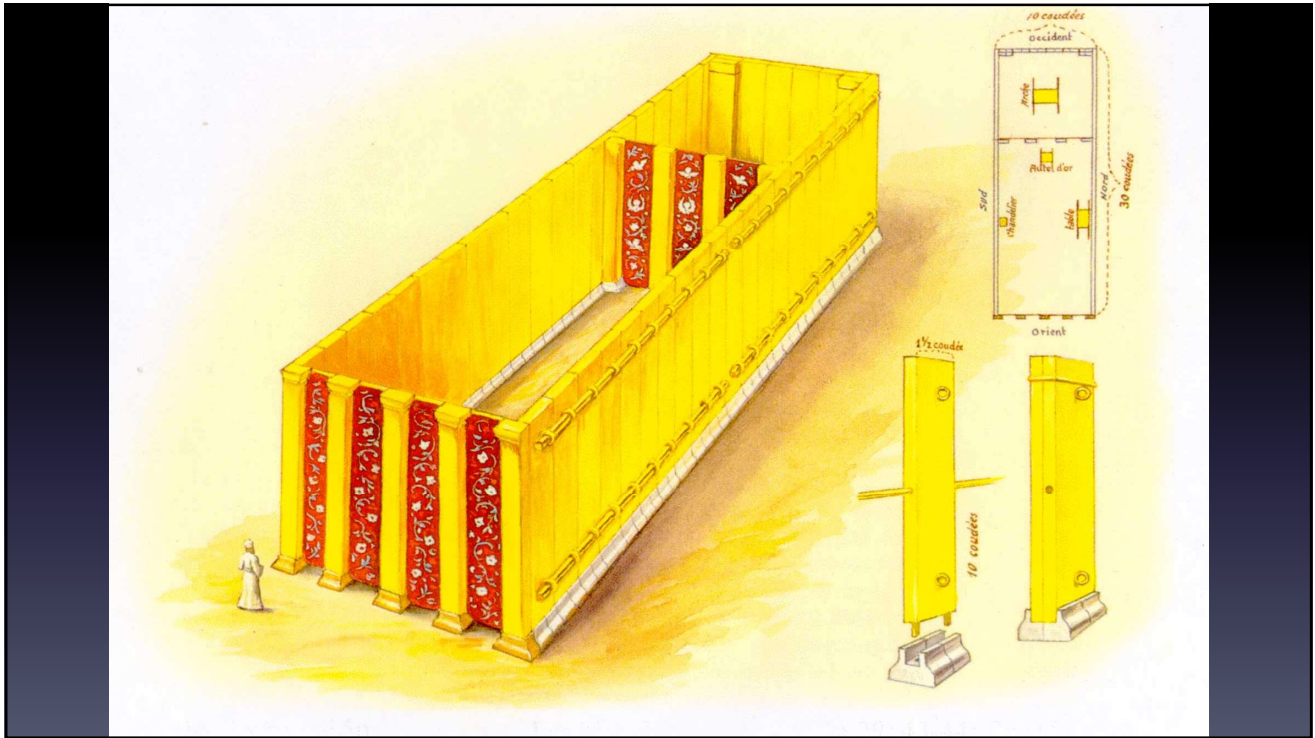
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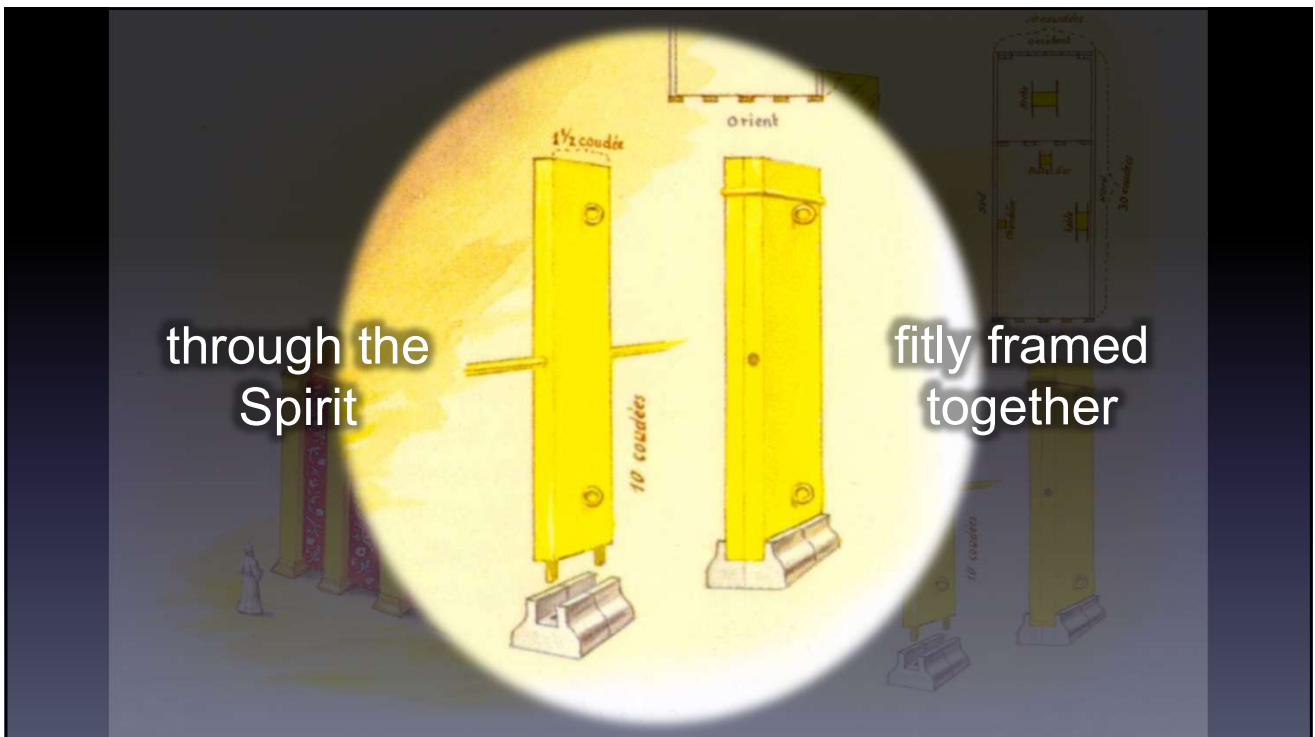
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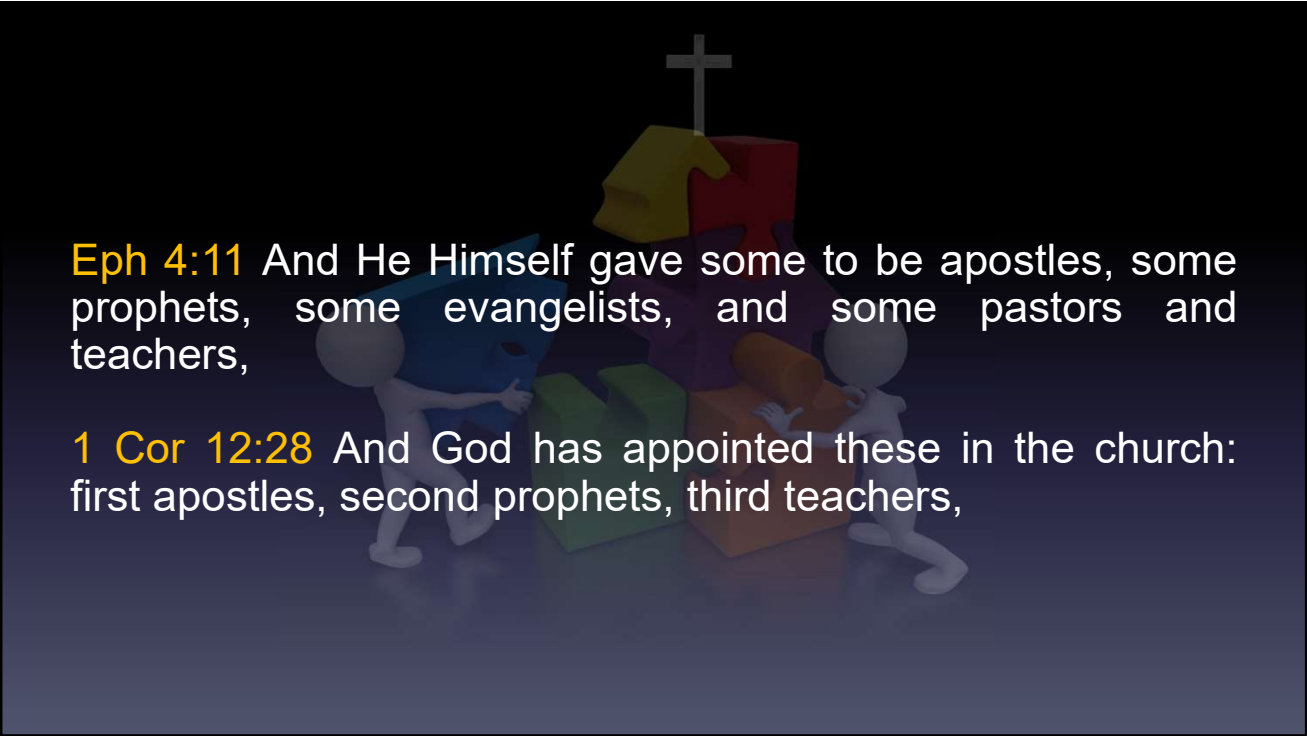


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1. Gifted men

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Eph 4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

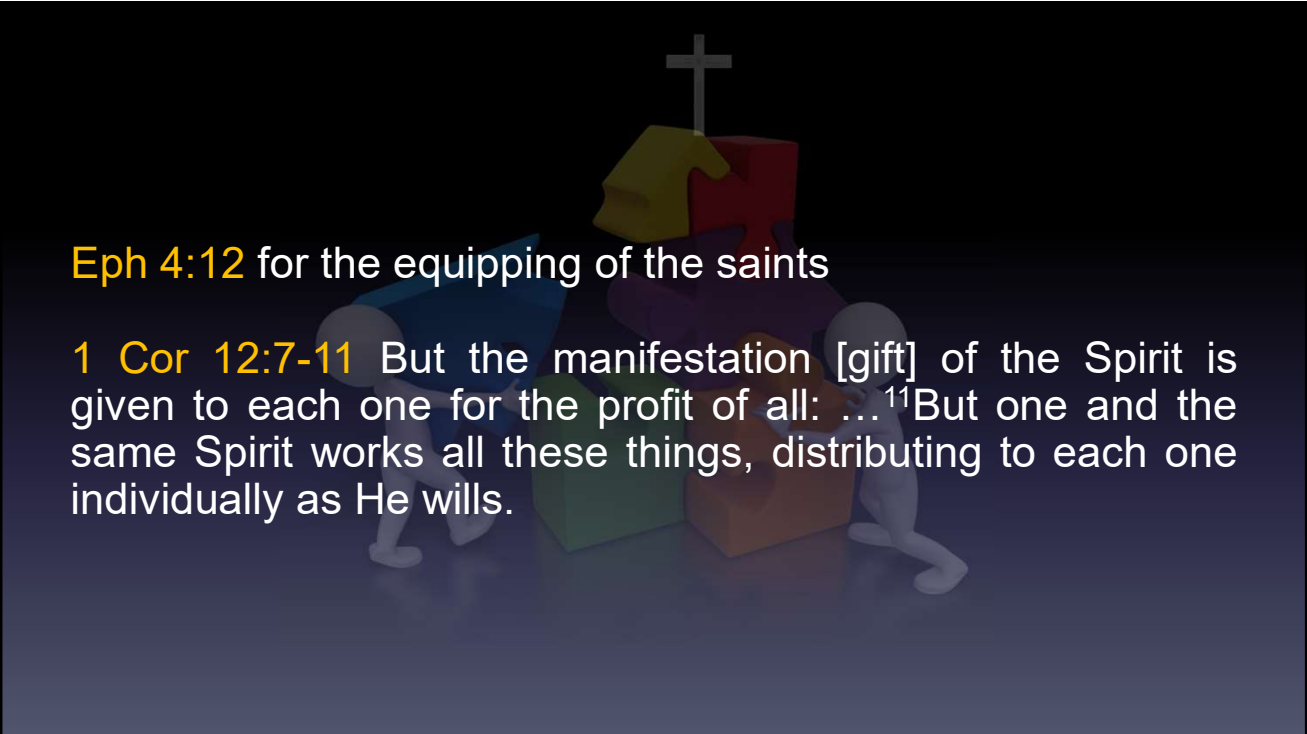
1 Cor 12:28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers,

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2. Equipped members

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Eph 4:12 for the equipping of the saints

1 Cor 12:7-11 But the manifestation [gift] of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ...¹¹But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

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3. Active ministry

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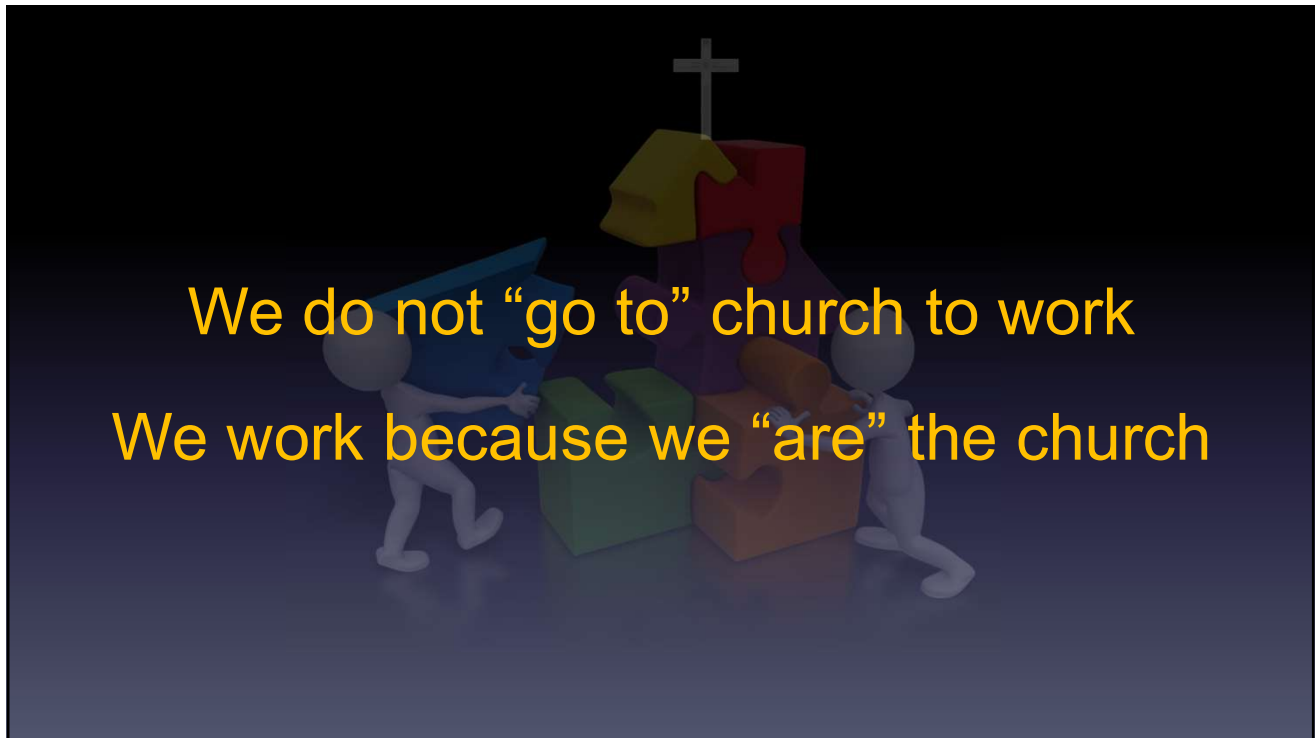
Eph 4:12 for the work of ministry

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

1 Cor 16:15 I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints

Rom 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them:

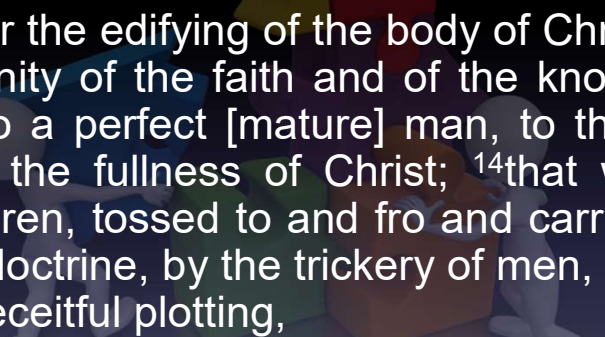
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Eph 4:12-14 for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect [mature] man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

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