

1st Corinthians 8:7



How We Sometimes See The Church Individuals At The Same Location & Time With Individual Needs And Desires A Place to Cater To My Individual Needs/Desires





How We Sometimes See The Church

• A Business • Operating Like A Business Organized Like A Business





How We Sometimes See The Church

A Social Organization • Emphasis On Social Activities • Emphasis On Social Relationships

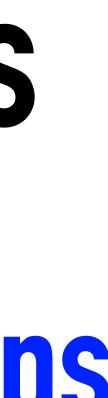




The Consequences Of These Views Individuals: Strained/Nonexistent Relationships

Little To No Interaction

Little to No Concern For Others in the Congregation





The Consequences Of These Views

• Business: Its Purpose Changes The 'Bottom Line' Affects All Decisions

Within Is Competition, Rather Than Cooperation





The Consequences Of These Views

• Social: Its Focus Changes • From Spiritual To Physical/Material Error Is Tolerated





The Consequences Of These Views • We Cease Being THE LORD's Church • His Will No Longer Prevails or Guides

• He Is No Longer The Reason It Exists



How Jesus Sees His Church: A Body



Many Members, But One Body • Different Functions, But Working Together 1st Corinthians 12:12, 20

No Unimportant Member

1st Corinthians 12:21, 22; Ephesians 4:16



1st Corinthians 12:25 1st Corinthians 12:26



How Jesus Sees His Church: A Body Members Concerned For One Another No Division, But The Same Care For One Another • All Suffer Or Rejoice Together





How Jesus Sees His Church: A Body

• Its Nature: A SPIRITUAL Body • A Spiritual House 1st Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22 • A Spiritual Purpose 1st Cor. 3:1; 1st Pet. 2:5; 2nd Cor. 10:4; John 4:23, 24



"Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually."

1st Corinthians 12:27