

## Submitting to God's Plan for the Mission of the Church (1) Colossians 3:17

### LESSON 1:

1. In practical terms, what does Matthew 28:18 and Colossians 3:17 mean for me?

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2. How sufficient is the church to carry out its assigned mission? By whose power is it equipped?  
See Ephesians 3:20, 21.

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3. See 1 Chronicles 13:7-12. What happens when a man thinks he can improve on God's methods?

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- a) Was David's "new cart" a good substitution for the ark's transportation?

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- b) Did it promote edification among brethren?

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- c) Who first introduced the "new cart" in Scripture to transport the ark?

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- d) Did God tell anyone that "You shall not transport the ark on a cart?" Did He have to say such to make it wrong?

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4. There is a *universal* and *local* concept of the church in Scripture (see Matt. 16:18; Acts 14:23; etc.).  
What Bible *concept* of the church accomplishes the work God has assigned?

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5. What does "church autonomy" mean and not mean?

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