



“Governance”
Church Alignment Series
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Jesus said, *“I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”* Matthew 16:18

Church History on Governance:

- a. Extrabiblical: pertaining to something that is OUTSIDE the Bible.
- b. Two Major Influential Milestones:
 - i. The RISE of denominationalism.
 - ii. The Introduction of Title 26 US Code 501c3.

Recommendation #1: RESTRUCTURE our church leadership model.

- a. Our church adheres to a congregational MODEL of church governance. 1 Samuel 8:4-5
- b. The biblical model of church leadership is ELDER-led. Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5

Recommendation #2: RECONFIGURE our church governing document.

- a. Governance should be based on BIBLICAL wisdom. 2 Tim 3:16
- b. Governance should be based on a SPIRIT-led consensus. Acts 15:37-38, Acts 16:10

Recommendation #3: REAFFIRM our church allegiance.
Mark 7:5-13, Acts 18:24-28

- We want our allegiance to fall to submission not TRADITION.

Questions to Consider

- Would you prayerfully consider this transition? Please take some time to work through the document along side the Word of God. If you have questions or concerns, myself or another elder can do our best to answer your question.

What is the Holy Spirit prompting me to do?
