

What Does The New Testament Say About Elevating People to Positions of Authority in the Church?

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Any tendency to follow one human leader will cause division in the Church (1Cor. 1:10-15). This is one reason so many different denominations all claim to worship the same God. Following a religious leader was regarded as being carnal, primarily because trust would then be placed in a man rather than in the true head of the Church, Jesus Christ (1Cor. 3:1-4).

Incorporating a body of believers under the jurisdiction of a board of directors or sole proprietorship, which is answerable to a state government, is also contrary to the structure Jesus Christ established when he built the church (1Cor.11:3).

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