### The Spirit Of "Restoration"

"We have drifted away from the way of the Lord, and it is imperative that we return to His word."

# The Restoration Of *The Local Church*

#### "TOGETHER" EFFORTS

#### "INDIVIDUAL" EFFORTS

## Individual Christians Also "Join Together" = A church

- No earthly assembly of all the saved, nor work they do "together"
- A local church is organized for *collective* efforts, a voluntary association (Acts 9:26)
- They have common leaders (Acts 14:23; 20:28) common funds (I Cor. 16:1-2) common work (Acts 2:42; 20:7; Heb. 10:24-25; Eph. 5:19; Acts 4 34-38; l Cor. 16:1-2; Phil. 4:15-16)

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- Mostly, the local church nurtures young disciples and assists growth in their faith (Eph. 4:11-13)
- BUT they were never intended to be the coordinating instrument by which <u>all</u> or <u>even</u> <u>most</u> of the duties of God's people are met

• "If any woman that believeth hath widows, let her relieve them and let not the church be burdened; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed" (1 Tim. 5:16) As members of the great body of the redeemed, we glorify God in all that we do as individual disciples (Eph. 3:21) and in the work we do together in local churches.