

## **Ten Commandments For An Effective Church Board**

- 1. The relative attention given to any issue will be in direct proportion to its prominence in Scripture.**

We will ask ourselves: How often does the Bible deal with this? How is this helping us fulfill our purpose as a church?

- 2. Spend at least one hour in prayer for the pastor and for one another each month.**

An hour a month can easily be divided into 2 minute segments a day. Also, pray for others as much as you talk about them.

- 3. Understand that having your say is more important than having your way.**

Every opinion matters. You need to express your views and concerns. But that does not mean that we will jump overtime someone hollers. But we will listen. Then we will seek God and His will and timing. The two most destructive times within a church is when: (1) No one listens or (2) when we listen to someone and act without careful evaluation.

- 4. We withhold financial support only when the Lord stops blessing.**

Someone has said no pay, no say! Board members must pay their tithes! Some might say, "But keeping my offering is my only form of protest!" Let me face this head on! If you withhold financial support to this church don't tell me! Tell God! Tell Him that you are robbing Him! Then place a two by three poster with bright colors saying, I, \_\_\_\_\_, have stopped giving my money because \_\_\_\_\_. Then imagine posting this sign where all your Christian friends could see it. Try to envision taking it to your job. If such a sign would hamper your ministry and witness, so would withholding your tithe.

- 5. Stay in the nitty-gritty of church life while serving on the church board.**

- 6. A majority vote is a strong indication of God's will for us at this time.**

- 7. Every dissenting vote symbolizes a possible word of caution from the Lord.**

- 8. Never keep silent in a meeting on an issue that won't be kept silent at home.**

- 9. People can still love and respect one another while rejecting individual ideas.**

- 10. Spiritual authority or knowledge will not be used as a club to force passage of an issue or program.**