

Church Board Governance and Accountability

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We will review the responsibilities of a Trustee regarding the State and the IRS. However, the major focus will be on the Biblical foundation, with an overall view of the Trustee Ministry and operations.

I do not speak as a legal expert, but as someone with some experience with issues and difficulties in the areas I will address. Because of these experiences, I had to learn a few hard lessons.

I will seek to answer the question: Who are you, or your identity as a Trustee?

This will require a focus on the following:

- What does the State and IRS require?
- What does the Word require?
- Suggestions for improvement.

I will suggest a few ways to identify your function as a Trustee and a few suggestions to improve your work as a Trustee.

I will also explore:

- The need for legal advice to improve interface with the State, IRS, conflicts, or misunderstandings with Constitution and By-Law issues.
- Training preparation for potential Trustees.
- Some answers to operational questions.

Finally, we will address a few operational questions and explore possibilities for a more effective Trustee Board.