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1. Prayer	I Timothy 2:8 and James 5:16	Acts 16:25 and Colossians 4:12.	Publicly led prayer (I Cor. 14:15-16).
2. Singing	Ephesians 5:19 and James 5:13.	Matthew 26:30, Mark 14:26, and Acts 16:25.	Since we teach in song (Colossians 3:16), we must be careful in what songs we sing (I Timothy 1:3-4).
3. Lord's Supper	I Corinthians 11:23-29	Acts 20:7	Unleavened bread (Matthew 26:17).
4. Collecting funds	I Corinthians 16:1-2	Acts 11:25-30	Congregations have funds to draw from (II Corinthians 11:8).
5. Preaching among the assembled saints on the first day of the week		Acts 20:7ff.	I Corinthians 4:17
6. Preaching or teaching among the assembled saints on days other than the first day of the week	Hebrews 3:13 (cf. Hebrews 10:23-25 and II Timothy 4:2).	Acts 15:22-32 and Acts 20:20.	Acts 20:20-27, Ephesians 4:11, and I Timothy 3:15
7. Meeting on occasion for reasons other than the first day of the week assembly	Matthew 18:17	Acts 14:27 and Acts 15:4	Acts 6:1-3 and Acts 15:24
8. Evangelism is a work of the church	Acts 13:1-3	I Thessalonians 1:7-8	Churches supported preachers (Philippians 4:15-16).
9. A congregation financially supporting a preacher	I Corinthians 9:14	II Corinthians 11:8	Philippians 4:15-16 (inferring Paul's involvement with receiving the funds rather than a sponsoring church or institution).
10. Financially assisting Christians in providing the necessities to live (as a congregation).	I Corinthians 16:1-4	Romans 15:25-26 and II Corinthians chapters 8-9.	Not all Christians can be financially assisted by the congregation (I Timothy 5:3-16 and II Thessalonians 3:10).

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11. Edification	I Thessalonians 5:11	Acts 9:26-31 and Acts 20:32	Ephesians 4:16 (spiritual in nature)
12. Church sponsored entertainment (i.e. meals, puppet shows, choirs, children performing, etc.)	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
13. Women leading in mixed assemblies	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
14. The local church giving alien sinners financial aid	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
15. The local church cannot use food, fun, sales, and / or other means of entertainment for edification of the body or evangelism	Romans 14:17	Matthew 4:1-4, John 6:26-27, and I Corinthians 11:18-34 (had eating a meal together been a work of the church, Paul would have told them to wait for services to end to have their common meal instead of telling them that eating is a work of the home).	Romans 8:4-8; 12, Romans 13:14, and Galatians 5:16-17. Cf. Matthew 21:12-13
16. Women cannot lead over men within or outside of the first day of the week assembly	I Corinthians 11:3, I Corinthians 14:34-35, Ephesians 5:22-24, and I Timothy 2:11-12.	I Timothy 2:13-14	Acts 1:21-22, I Timothy 3:1-13, II Timothy 2:2, and Titus 1:5-9.
17. The local church financially aiding alien sinners is contrary to the nature of God and is unlawful fellowship	II Corinthians 6:14-17, Ephesians 5:11, and II John 9-11 (the giving of funds to someone out of the treasury is fellowship – II Corinthians 8:4; 9:13).	Acts 3:1- 4:1; cf. Mark 16:20	Psalms 34:16, Jeremiah 23:14, Isaiah 59:1-2, John 9:31, and I Peter 3:12.

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18. Individually preaching the Gospel	Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15-16, and II Timothy 4:2.	Acts 8:4-5, Acts 8:35, Acts 28:30-31, Romans 1:15-17, I Corinthians 2:1-5, and I Thessalonians 2:4-5.	Acts 6:7
19. Individually helping our needy brethren financially	I Timothy 5:16 and I John 3:17-18.	Acts 4:32-37	Romans 16:1-2
20. Marking false teachers / exposing errors within the church even if some consider it airing out the dirty laundry in the eyes of unbelievers	Romans 16:17-18 ; cf. Ezekiel 33:1-9	I Corinthians 1:11, I Corinthians 5:1ff., I Corinthians 11:18, I Timothy 1:19-20, II Timothy 2:14-18, II Timothy 4:10-15, III John 9-11, and Revelation chapters 2-3.	Every letter in the New Testament that discusses sin in the local church is a public document exposing sin among brethren to the whole world!
21. The local church practicing discipline	Matthew 18:15-17, I Corinthians 5:1ff., and II Thessalonians 3:6; 14-15		II Corinthians 2:4-8
22. A make-up serving of the Lord's Supper	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
23. Partaking of the Lord's Supper apart from the assembled brethren (while at home, hospital, hotel, etc.)	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
24. Being married once to someone of the opposite sex	Matthew 5:31-32, Matthew 19:3-9, Luke 16:18, and Romans 7:1-3.		Mark 1:30, I Corinthians 9:5, Titus 1:6, and I Peter 5:1.

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25. Judging	John 7:24 and I John 4:1 (according to the Lord's written word – John 12:48).	Acts 11:1-17, Acts 9:22-31, and John 4:18.	Matthew 7:16; 20, Acts 20:28-31, and I Corinthians 4:2-4.
26. Obedience to civil law	Romans 13:1-7, I Peter 2:13-16, and Titus 3:1.	Matthew 22:17-21 and Mark 12:17	Civil law cannot supercede God's law (Acts 5:29). II Corinthians 8:21 and Romans 12:17.
27. Preaching or teaching the Gospel using plain speech	Titus 1:13 and II Timothy 4:2	Matthew 16:21-23, I Corinthians 2:1-5, I Thessalonians 2:4-5, and Matthew chapter 23.	Mark 16:15-16 (preaching Christ is offensive to sinners; cf. John 3:19-21). Ephesians 6:19-20; cf. I Corinthians 11:1.
28. Accepting or giving words of commendation about the faithfulness of a brother	Philippians 3:17	Acts 9:26-28, Romans 16:1-4, I Corinthians 16:10-11, Philippians 2:11-30, and Colossians 4:10-11.	Awareness (II Peter 3:16-17).
29. Speaking truth rather than lies	Romans 12:17, Ephesians 4:25, Philippians 4:8, Colossians 3:9, and I Peter 2:11-12.	Proverbs 8:7, II Corinthians 4:1-2, II Corinthians 7:14, II Corinthians 8:21, and Hebrews 13:18	Hebrews 6:18 and Titus 1:2; cf. Ephesians 5:1. Revelation 21:8, Proverbs 6:16-19, Matter of the heart: Matthew 12:34-35
30. Loving your neighbor who is inclusive of all	Matthew 22:37-40, Romans 13:9-10, Galatians 5:14, and James 2:8-9	Luke 10:25-37, Acts 5:42, and Acts 8:4	Proverbs 3:12, Matthew 5:14-16, Matthew 10:17-22, and Philippians 2:15.
31. Love your brother or sister in Christ	John 13:34-35, John 15:12-13, John 15:17-20, Romans 12:10, I Thessalonians 4:9, Hebrews 13:1, I John 3:10-24, and I John 4:20-21.	II Corinthians 2:4, II Corinthians chapters 8-9, II Corinthians 12:14-15, Colossians 1:3-4, Philippians 4:15-16, II Timothy 2:10, and Philemon verses 9-19	Galatians 6:1-2, Romans 12:15-16, and I Corinthians 12:14-27

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32. Being soldiers for the faith / Zealously defending the truth	Proverbs 23:23, Proverbs 28:4, Jude 3, Ephesians 6:10-19, I Timothy 6:12, II Timothy 2:3-4, and II Timothy 4:2-5.	Matthew 22:34-46, Acts 6:8-10, Acts 9:27-29, Acts 15:1-2, Acts 17:16-17, Acts 19:8-10, Galatians 2:11-17, and Philippians 1:7; 16-17.	Proverbs 17:15, Proverbs 18:5, Isaiah 56:9-12, and II Timothy 4:6-8.
33. Not keeping company with those withdrawn from / apostate	Matthew 18:15-17, Romans 16:17, I Corinthians 5:11, II Thessalonians 3:6; 14-15, and Titus 3:10-11.	I Corinthians 5 and I Timothy 1:19-20 (delivering to Satan means discipline - cf. I Corinthians 5:5).	II John 9-11.
34. Our fellowship is limited to those who are faithful in Christ	I John 1:3-7, Ephesians 5:1-11, II Corinthians 6:17-17, and I Timothy 5:22 (cf. II John 9-11).	Acts 2:42-44; 46, Acts 4:32, and Galatians 2:9 (all accounts of brethren together were just that, brethren together – i.e. Acts 21:3-8).	Amos 3:3, John 15:19, John 16:33, John 17:14, Galatians 1:4, and I Corinthians 10:20-21 (cf. Matthew 12:30 and I John 3:8).
35. We ought to joyfully receive correction and repent	Job 5:17, Proverbs 3:11, Ecclesiastes 7:5, Luke 17:3-4, I Corinthians 11:31-32, Hebrews 12:5-13, and Revelation 3:19.	II Samuel 12:1-20, Psalms 118:18-19, Jeremiah 10:24, Jonah 3:4-10, Matthew 26:69-75 (cf. 26:31-34), and Acts 8:18-24	II Timothy 3:16-17; cf. Proverbs 10:17; 12:1; 13:18; 15:12; 31-32; 27:5; 28:3; 29:1, and James 5:19-20.
36. In repenting we must turn from all of our sins	Ezekiel 14:6, Ezekiel 18:20-21, Ezekiel 18:30-31, Matthew 3:8, Luke 13:3, Romans 6:1-2, Hebrews 12:1-2, and James 1:15-16.	II Kings 22:11 - 23:28 and Acts 26:13-20.	Romans 6:23, James 2:10, and I Peter 4:1-2.
37. Having a located preacher of the gospel.	Ephesians 4:11-12 and II Timothy 4:5.	Acts 14:26-28, Acts 20:25-31, Acts 21:8 (cf. Acts 8:40), Acts 28:30-31, and Titus 1:4-5.	I Timothy 3:15 (cf. Romans 10:14-17), I Corinthians 4:17, and Matthew 28:19-20; (cf. II Timothy 2:2).
38. Not trusting man. Put your trust / faith in the Almighty God	II Chronicles 20:20, Psalms 62:7-8, Psalms 118:8-9, Psalms 146:3-4, Isaiah 31:1, Jeremiah 17:5, and John 14:1.	Ruth 2:11-12, II Samuel 22:1-3, Psalms 56:4; 11, John 2:23-25, Acts 27:17-25; 44, Romans 8:35-39, II Corinthians 1:9-10, and I Timothy 4:8-10.	Proverbs 29:25, Jeremiah 17:7, Hosea 10:13-15 (cf. Romans 2:11), and Hebrews 11:6.

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39. Guarding against seeing or hearing sinful things (i.e. movies, songs, etc.).	Proverbs 4:23-27, Matthew 26:41, Romans 12:2; 9, I Corinthians 15:33, II Corinthians 6:17-7:1, II Corinthians 10:5, Ephesians 5:1:-11, Philippians 4:8, Titus 2:11-12, I Peter 1:15, I Peter 2:11, and I Peter 3:10-11.	Job 31:1-8, Psalms 119:10-11, and John 9:4-5.	Matthew 5:27-28, Matthew 6:22-24, I John 4:4-5, and Colossians 2:18 (what the fleshly mind will do).
40. Christians owning their own homes. (Why study? Sojourners believe Christians must sell their homes and live on the road preaching based on Acts 4:34 and I Peter 2:11.)	I Corinthians 11:22; 34	Acts 2:46, Acts 16:40, Acts 21:8, Acts 28:30, Romans 16:3-5 (cf. I Corinthians 16:19), Colossians 4:15, Philemon v.2,	I Timothy 5:8, I Timothy 5:14, Titus 2:5, and II John 10.
41. Appointing Elders and deacons	I Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9	Acts 14:23	Acts 20:17; 28-31, Ephesians 4:11, and I Peter 5:1-4
42. Being known as <u>the</u> church of Christ.		Romans 16:16, I Corinthians 1:2 (God in this passage and others is Christ – Acts 20:28; cf. Ephesians 5:25 and Romans 9:5), II Corinthians 1:1, I Thessalonians 2:14, I Corinthians 12:27 (body of Christ is the church of Christ; cf. Ephesians 1:22-23 and Colossians 1:18), Ephesians 4:12). Even the church of the firstborn shows example (Christ being the firstborn from the dead; cf. Hebrews 12:23 and Romans 8:29).	If we were “a church of Christ”, Christ must have had built many churches (Matthew 16:18). Who is the Lord that added to the church (Acts 2:47; cf. Romans 1:3)? Whose church is THE church of Christ (Ephesians 5:22ff.).

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<p>43. Using the Old Testament (which is not the law for men to follow today; Romans 7:1-7, Ephesians 2:11-17, and Hebrews 9:15-17) to teach from today.</p>	<p>Romans 15:4 and I Corinthians 10:1-11.</p>	<p>Luke 4:16-17, Luke 24:27; 44, Acts 2:25-36, Acts 3:22-26, Acts 7:2ff., Acts 8:26-35, Acts 13:16ff., Acts 26:22, Acts 28:23, Matthew 1:20-23, Matthew 12:3-5, Matthew 13:13-15, Mark 7:6-9, Mark 12:36-37, Romans 10:16-21, Romans 11:7-9, Romans 15:10-13, I Corinthians 9:9-14, Galatians 3:6-29, Hebrews 11, and James 2:21-24.</p>	<p>II Timothy 3:16-17 and II Peter 1:20-21; cf. II Samuel 23:2, Jeremiah 1:9, and Jeremiah 36:2.</p> <p>* Note: we stop teaching things from O.T. for today where such cannot be supported from the N.T (cf. Matthew 19:3-9, Psalms 66:15; Hebrews 10:11ff., and John 1:17).</p>
<p>44. Bible plan for training Christians to be teachers of God's word.</p>	<p>II Timothy 1:13, II Timothy 2:2, II Timothy 2:15, II Timothy 3:16-17, and Matthew 28:20.</p>	<p>Acts 16:1-5 (I Corinthians 4:17, Philippians 2:19-22, I Timothy 4:12-13, II Timothy 3:14-15; cf. II Timothy 1:5), Acts 18:24-28, Acts 20:18-32, I Timothy 1:3-7, and Titus 2:1-8.</p>	<p>Psalms 119:98-100, I Corinthians 2:13, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 5:12-14, and Romans 2:19-24.</p> <p>Keep in mind that people have to want to learn (Proverbs 9:8-9). People must also understand the great responsibility that comes with being a teacher of God's word (James 3:1).</p>
<p>45. Respecting elder brothers and sisters in Christ.</p>	<p>Leviticus 19:32 (cf. Proverbs 16:31), I Timothy 5:1-2 (not counting us unable to rebuke those in sin – I Timothy 5:20), and I Peter 5:5.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An example of forsaking the wisdom of older, faithful men (I Kings 12:6-19). • Older does not always mean wiser either (Matthew 26:3-4). 	<p>Since we are to treat or exhort an older man as a father and women as mothers (I Timothy 5:1-2), instructions towards fathers and mothers apply (Proverbs 6:20, Proverbs 23:22, and Ephesians 6:2-3; cf. Matthew 10:34-37, Matthew 12:46-50, and Titus 2:2-6).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 2:10-11; Romans 12:10

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<p>46. Using something as an lawful expediency [a means of achieving something; an helpful aid]</p>	<p>Expediencies are not specified. If they were, they would be commands or examples.</p> <p>For example, Moses had to build the tabernacle according the pattern God had shown him wherein the Lord specified all He wanted done (Hebrews 8:5; cf. Exodus 25:9ff.). Tools however, were not specified and would have been left to the realm of what is most profitable [expedient].</p>	<p>1. Fulfilling Matthew 28:19-20 by going (Matthew 4:18, Mark 4:33-36, Acts 20:13-17, etc.).</p> <p>2. Fulfilling Matthew 28:19-20 by writing (I Corinthians 14:37 and II Corinthians 9:1; cf. Colossians 4:16).</p> <p>3. Fulfilling Matthew 28:19-20 by speaking (Acts 8:5-6 and Acts 20:20).</p> <p>4. Fulfilling Matthew 28:19-20 through different forums / locations (Acts 20:7, Matthew 9:35, Acts 5:42, and Acts 28:30-31).</p> <p>5. Take the Lord’s Supper as an example.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drink fruit of the vine, how? – Luke 22:17. • First day of the week – Acts 20:7. What time? – I Corinthians 10:23; cf. I Corinthians 11:33 • Where? – I Corinthians 11:20 	<p>I Corinthians 6:12-13, I Corinthians 10:23 (cf. I Corinthians 14:26), and I Corinthians 16:1-4.</p>
<p>47. Choosing leaders in the congregation (for prayers, songs, work, etc.)</p>	<p>Philippians 3:17-19, I Thessalonians 5:15, I Timothy 2:12, II Timothy 2:2, Titus 2:15 (be sure, with authority; cf. Hebrews 10:23 and James 1:5-8), and III John 9-11.</p>	<p>Matthew 25:14-30, Acts 6:1-6, I Corinthians 4:16-17, I Corinthians 11:1, I Corinthians 11:23-26 (Jesus led in serving the supper; not just a sit and eat affair), I Corinthians 14:15-16, and I Timothy 4:12-13; 16.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I Timothy 6:20-21, II Timothy 2:22, I Corinthians 14:26; 40, and Colossians 3:16; cf. Hebrews 5:12-14 and James 3:1. • Matthew 15:14 (what if the blind are leading??). • John 4:23-24 (knowing truth and having the right spiritual mindset).