

Maintaining the Purity of the Church

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purity of the church. The Lord's will — the New Testament model, pattern, standard — must be faithfully, fully and constantly taught and preached. That will must be completely respected individually and collectively by the members of each local congregation. Religious error must be exposed and opposed. The seeds of apostasy must be removed before they bear their bitter fruit. Righteous living must be exalted. Worldly pleasures must be denounced. Members who are walking disorderly must be dealt with according to the Scriptures. The Lord's church must be "a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but... holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:27).

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