

GOOD GOVERNANCE IS SCRIPTURAL

The principles that guide any good nonprofit board are consistent with – indeed, flow from – basic concepts found in Holy Scripture. What am I missing?

- A. **AUTHORITY** – following the “orderliness” of God, clarifying who is responsible for what
- B. **PURPOSE** – committed to a worthy mission and pursuing a shared vision
- C. **TRUSTEESHIP** – responsible to others for what is not owned by the board members themselves
- D. **STEWARDSHIP** – pursuing wise use of resources to create value
- E. **SERVANTHOOD** – putting the needs of others ahead of ourselves
- F. **ACCOUNTABILITY** – willingness to be evaluated appropriately
- G. **GIVING** – board members cheerfully sharing their time, talent, and treasure
- H. **FREEDOM** – choosing what is wisest within legal and moral boundaries and giving the CEO similar latitude
- I. **FORGIVENESS** – extending the Lord’s grace and mercy to others, when the situation warrants it
- J. **UNITY** – maintaining a spirit of oneness even when lacking unanimity in board decisions
- K. **GIFTEDNESS** – honoring God’s unique design in people when selecting them and assigning tasks
- L. **EXCELLENCE** – doing all as well as possible, honoring to the Lord
- M. **WORDS** – communicating principles and policies to provide continuity, clarity, and consistency through a Board Policies Manual; really a covenant for board work, with the board itself and its CEO