

Two Circles

Certain actions pertain **exclusively to the individual** (fall into one circle), and no passage authorizes the church to do them. Other actions pertain **exclusively to the church** (belong in another circle), and no Bible passage authorizes the individual to do them. (In many cases in the acts listed below, other passages can be cited, but the ones that appear here are enough to establish the distinction.) The Bible authorizes **both the individual and the church to do certain spiritual activities**, so the two circles overlap.

When we imagine that there is only one circle (that is, that the individual or the home has a right to do all of the works of the church has a right to do all the activities of the individual and that the church), we err, having left the Bible pattern.

