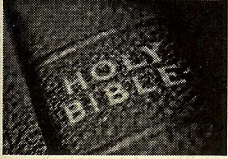


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HAVE IT YOUR WAY®

Unfortunately, many of us have started to apply this consumer mentality to spiritual things as well. In a local church body, people think of themselves as paying customers. “If this church won’t do things my way,” they seem to say, “I’ll find a church who will.”

This is so far from New Testament Christianity! Christians should be:

1. Selfless

In order to be a disciple of Christ, we must die to self (Luke 9:23; Galatians 2:20). This is the example Jesus set for us (Philippians 2:1-8). You are never more unlike Jesus Christ than when you selfishly demand to “have it your way.”

2. Submissive to Christ

You may put money into a collection plate, but that doesn’t make you a paying customer; it makes you a contributing *member*. The church is not some business or organization you choose to support. If you are a Christian, then you *are* the church.

As the church, we belong to Christ; He purchased us (1 Corinthians 6:20; 1 Peter 1:18-19). Therefore, let us submit to Christ in everything (Ephesians 5:24). Stop worrying about having it your way and start doing things His way!

3. Submissive to One Another

There will always be matters of opinion and preference in the church. You’ll always like something that other people dislike and there will always be people who dislike what you love. The biblical mandate in these situations is not to demand to “have it your way,” but to let them have it their way.

