

Who's In Charge?

Sit quietly before the LORD and ask Him to guide you in a time of examination.

Get a copy of your current Church budget & calendar.

Quietly and slowly read through each item.

At each space/spot/slot...

Ask God to bless the people who lead the ministry(ies) represented.

Ask God to accomplish His Kingdom's purposes through the person or initiative.

Once you are finished, lay the documents aside and consider:

- To what degree, as a Church, do we value the things that God values?
- Is the vision that is portrayed by the calendar/budget a vision that God painted, or one you've simply asked Him to bless?
- At what places does the vision portrayed represent the mission that Jesus has so clearly stated He is on? At what places is that not true? How so? Why do you think that is the case?
- HOW DOES YOUR CHURCH MAKE DECISIONS?
- How is *discernment* and *submission* a part of that process?
- How have you learned to make good, godly decisions by following the example of your Church?
- If you cannot think of any ways this is so, what one thing must change to effect the situation?