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Profit from the viewpoint of the Church

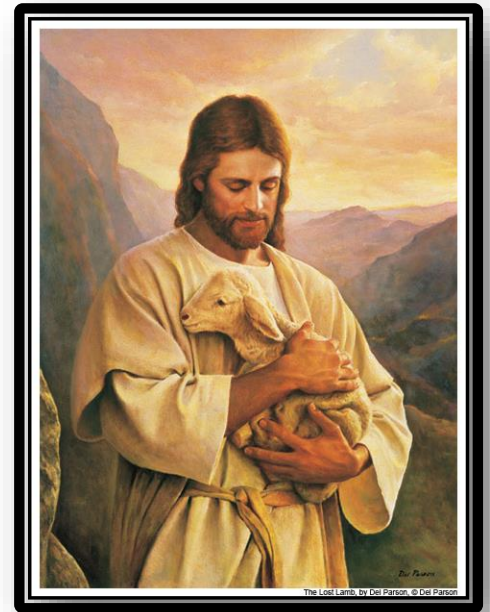
The Church is a divine-human institution in the midst of the world, and a living Embassy for heaven on earth that receives messages from heaven and broadcasts it to all hearts in all languages.

This embassy or divine-human organization, if you will, has a goal of elevating man to a better state, and changing him in a fundamental and profound way, from the sadness of sin to the joy of the kingdom, from the servitude of evil to the glorious liberty of the children of God, and from darkness and death to light and life.

Unlike other worldly organizations, the church purpose is not monetary profit, neither does it commission projects, buildings, or activities to build up a bank account, but rather she adopts the path of Christ, who said : *“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”* (John 10:10)

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10)

The Church upholds the life of Christ within her and lives with to His Spirit, and she would like to pass this life to all the souls that accept Christ as a God and Savior and become members of the church.



Here, we recognize that the idea of material gain is completely out of the scope of the Church, rather her goal is to only gain the souls, believing that God manages all her financial needs.

If some services in the church change goals and only focus on material profit, then they deviate from their objective and hinder the cross of Christ and His ministry.

Therefore, all activities in the church should not be intended to realize financial gain. Rather, their purpose is to

fundamentally change man and lead him towards his salvation and the renewal of his nature until, little by little, he becomes after the image of God, from both inside and outside.

This is the purpose of the Church which she should not lose sight of throughout the ages.

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