

Priesthood of the believer

1. Laity vs priest (Pastor) by the middle ages, the church had grown dependent on “official” leaders to have a Christian gathering.
 - a. Sacraments
 - b. Latin mass
 - c. Authority to govern
2. Only priests were authorized to lead others spiritually.
3. “Lay people” did what they were told, believed whatever was said

Martin Luther in the reformation among others, despised this superiority complex. Much like Jesus and the Pharisees.

The modern church has slipped back into this chasm.

Why? From the pew, its easier to sit and watch.

It’s also easier to pass the buck when you’re asked

- a. What you believe
 - b. How you worship
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Steps to spiritual responsibility:

1. Soul competence - theological belief that every individual has the God-given freedom, capability, and direct responsibility to relate to God, interpret Scripture, and make moral choices without human mediation or ecclesiastical coercion.
2. Direct access – personal open door to God by repentance, prayer, communion, revelation, giftings to minister.
3. Accountability to steward our calling through our vocation and our spiritual community.