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NONE ARE PERFECT

In Matthew 16:6-12, Jesus warned his disciples about accepting the doctrines, teachings, customs, and the traditions of the established religion [such as today's church] of the Sadducees and Pharisees. Much of their practices and teachings simply did not line up with what God had put forth in the scriptures. They made up their own traditions, ideas, and customary practices.

We should heed that same warning today. Some leadership in the Churches do this exact same thing and claim it all to be the "only" right way, the "only" true way, and should not be questioned.

When I was very young, I thought my church denomination had all the truth, and nothing was out of line with scripture. As I grew older and studied the word, I came to understand that my church [denomination] was far from perfect. Although I still respect them, I see some issues that I cannot agree with.

The bottom line is this: there is no perfect church [denomination]. All churches [denominations] and their doctrines and traditions are established by men, and men are imperfect. Every church is flawed in some manner. Some flaws are minor. Some flaws are major and very serious. Yet, we need the church for fellowship, support, instruction, and so forth. So, what do we do?

First of all, you need understanding and knowledge of the written word of God. You acquire this from your own study and reading of the bible. Be very cautious, even wary, about simply taking at face value what the preachers and teachers say. Ask the Holy Spirit to "red flag" anything you hear that might be suspect to error.

You may not find a "perfect" church, but the Holy Spirit can guide you to one that would be most beneficial for you and the family.

Be careful to NOT put any pastor or leader on a pedestal. None are perfect. Respect them, but do not just assume that all they say or preach is absolute truth. Search it out in the word.

There is no room for "hero worship" in the church. Respect the leadership. Honor them, but realize that they, like you, are human and humans tend to make mistakes.