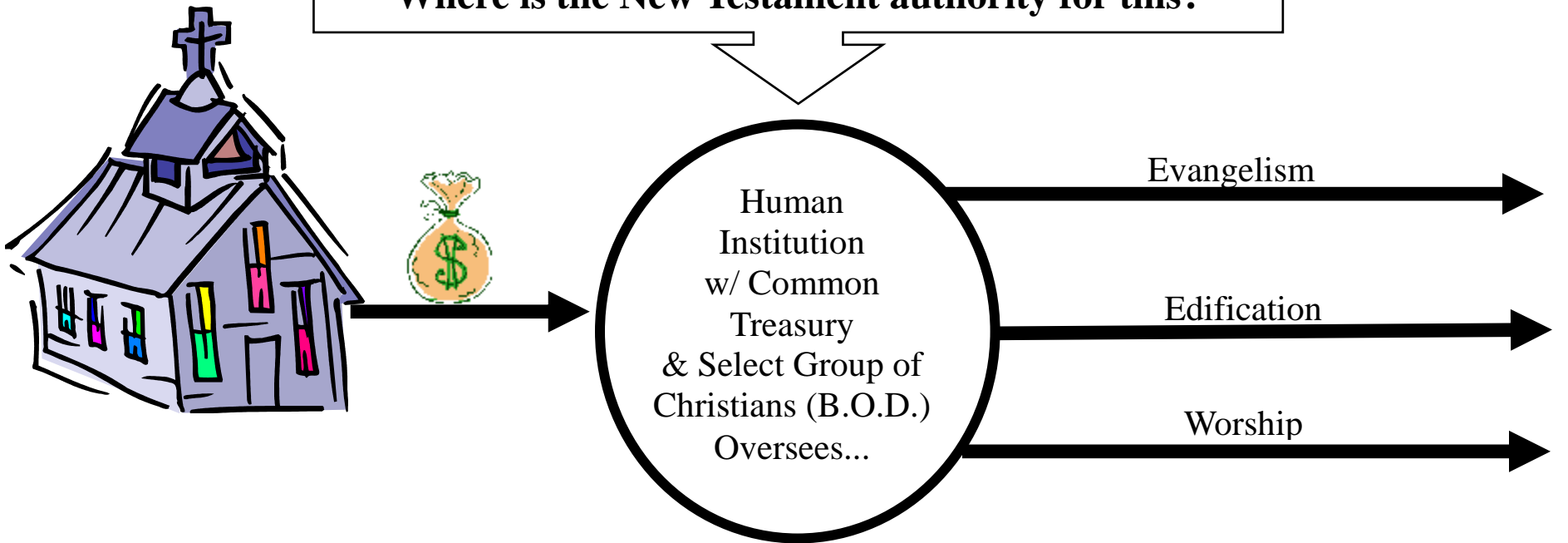


Where is the New Testament authority for this?



**What's the difference? There is no difference. Both are unauthorized.**

Note: some will likely say that a Christian cannot then send a private donation to an home for orphans. Certainly he or she may. However, one must make sure that the function of the home is purely helping orphans in the secular arena. An orphan home has no authority to collectively engage in spiritual work. Every children's home I know of operated by "brethren" meets material needs along with spiritual needs (evangelism, edification, worship). There is no authority for such. Their actions in the spiritual realm are neither individual, nor collective (as the church), but are collective spiritual efforts made via a human institution. There is no authority for such.