The principles that guide any good nonprofit board are consistent with – indeed, flow from – basic concepts found in Holy Scripture. What am I missing?

A. **AUTHORITY** – following the “orderliness” of God, clarifying who is responsible for what

B. **PURPOSE** – committed to a worthy mission and pursuing a shared vision

C. **TRUSTEESHIP** – responsible to others for what is not owned by the board members themselves

D. **STEWARDSHIP** – pursuing wise use of resources to create value

E. **SERVANTHOOD** – putting the needs of others ahead of ourselves

F. **ACCOUNTABILITY** – willingness to be evaluated appropriately

G. **GIVING** – board members cheerfully sharing their time, talent, and treasure

H. **FREEDOM** – choosing what is wisest within legal and moral boundaries and giving the CEO similar latitude

I. **FORGIVENESS** – extending the Lord’s grace and mercy to others, when the situation warrants it

J. **UNITY** – maintaining a spirit of oneness even when lacking unanimity in board decisions

K. **GIFTEDNESS** – honoring God’s unique design in people when selecting them and assigning tasks

L. **EXCELLENCE** – doing all as well as possible, honoring to the Lord

M. **WORDS** – communicating principles and policies to provide continuity, clarity, and consistency through a Board Policies Manual; really a covenant for board work, with the board itself and its CEO

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