Introduction:
1. It makes a difference what pattern we follow!
   - Why follow something false -1Co 15:30
2. There is a pattern in the New Testament of the church of Christ.

I. THE FALLACY OF NOT FOLLOWING THE PATTERN
   A. ACHAN’S SIN -Jo 7:10-26
      1. The instructions given -Jo 6:18, 19
      2. Achan disobeyed the commands and was put to death
   B. UZZA’S SIN -1Ch 13:9, 10
      1. He touched the ark of the covenant
      2. No one was to carry the ark except the Levites -1Ch 15:2
   C. UZZIAH’S PRIDE -2Ch 26:16-23
   D. THE FOOLISH MAN -Mt 7:24-27

II. HOLD FAST TO THE PATTERN
   A. NOAH HELD FAST TO THE PATTERN -Ge 6:14-22
      1. The specific dimensions were given -vs. 15, 16
      2. Additional instructions -vs. 17-21
      3. The end result -vs. 22
   B. MOSES WITH THE TABERNACLE -Ex 39:42, 43

III. THE PATTERN OF THE NT CHURCH
   A. THERE IS A PATTERN
      1. The seed is the word of God -Lk 8:11
      2. The Great Commission -Mt 28:18-20
         a. Salvation
         b. Christian conduct
   B. THE PATTERN OF THE CHURCH
      1. Paul’s consistent teaching -1Co 4:17, 7:17, 14:33
      3. Structure of the church in the epistles
         a. Church offices -Ep 4:11
         b. Elders -1Ti 3:1-7; Ti 1:5-16
         c. Deacons -1Ti 1:8-13

Conclusion:
1. There is a pattern for the church today to be followed
2. It gives us great confidence to know we are on solid ground when we follow.

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