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I have long wondered why, with the strict separation of church and state, that churches get preferential treatment over other non-profit 503(C) organizations. This basically means that the federal government is subsidizing these churches. And some of them are clearly NOT what they seem to be.

I don't think there should be any blanket exemption for any non-profit organization, church or otherwise. All organizations that have revenue should pay taxes. Organizations that are primarily using their monies for the welfare of the public should be rewarded in tax breaks according to the amount that goes to helping people. Not building buildings. Not paying salaries. Not investing. Money that goes to help PEOPLE should be considered non-taxable. This is money that would otherwise come out of the treasury in the form of SNAP benefits or medicare/medicaid. All organizations that desire to receive these tax deductions should be required to file public documentation that shows their accountability for the money spent. Without this, a televangelist could use my tax money to pay for his new jet.

Thank you for your consideration on the matter.

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