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Please stop favoring churches over other non-profit organizations. I share in Freedom from Religion's recommondations of:

All non-profit organizations should be treated equally, regardless of whether they espouse an atheist position, or a religious position. Currently the IRS singles out churches for privileged treatment by exempting them from the disclosure requirements all other 501(c)(3) organizations must comply with, or lose their exemption. Taxpayers, who are subsidizing tax-exempt groups, have a right to know what entities are exempt from taxation and to review general financial disclosures. The privilege of not being taxed must come with some measures of accountability.

Please make churches conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 501(c)(3) groups. At a minimum, the IRS should require any organizations that claim to be religious organizations, to file an annual notice with the IRS that they are claiming tax exemption. - See more at: http://ffrf.org/news/action/item/23948-ask-irs-to-stop-favoring-churches-over-other-non-profits#sthash.UAqTTxJv.PhsNIuR6.dpuf

And I would like to include the following quotes of our founding fathers:

"Religious bondage shackles and debilitates the mind and unfits it for every noble enterprise."
James Madison — Letter to Wm. Bradford, April 1, 1774

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