

## Church Membership?

Requirements: (responsibility)

1. Public testimony, participate in communion, baptism, and a small group
2. Attend regularly (if you are there less than ½ of the time, it is not regular)
3. Serve, actively involved on a team at least once a month
4. Give financially support the church with the tithe (on record)
5. Strive for unity with the church (appeal wisely when necessary)
6. Be accountable for moral integrity

Benefits:

1. Opportunity, accountability, community
2. Committed family (2 way street) care for and teach each other's kids.
3. Discipleship, being equipped to spiritually mature
4. Ability to in turn, lead, teach, etc (lifegroup, band, staff, etc)
5. Partner with Jesus in building His Kingdom (reaching the lost)
6. Pastoral counseling, weddings, funerals, use of church facilities free of charge.

1 Peter 4:10 - Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Heb 10:25 - Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Heb 13:17 – Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you

Neh 9:38 - "In view of all this, we are making a binding agreement, putting it in writing, and our leaders, our Levites and our priests are affixing their seals to it." <sup>10:32</sup> "We assume the responsibility for carrying out the commands to give a third of a shekel each year for the service of the house of our God: for the holy offerings; and for all the duties of the house of our God. Vs 37-39 - "Moreover, we will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God, to the priests, the first of our ground meal, of our grain offerings, of the fruit of all our trees and of our new wine and olive oil. And we will bring a tithe of our crops to the Levites, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all the towns where we work.

The people of Israel, including the Levites, are to bring their contributions ... "We will not neglect the house of our God."

## Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:41 - Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

Matt 18:15 - "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Matt 16:18 - ...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.