



Support Your Local Church

RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CHURCH (Items c&d)

c. Our assemblies provide opportunities for three different levels of involvement:

1. **Providing for the assembly** - cleaning the building, preparing the communion trays, leading in the service, etc.
2. **Attendance at the assembly** - attending every service is critical to the overall growth and health of the congregation (let alone self!)
3. **Participation in the assembly** - to the extent of one's ability

d. Assembling together is not merely a routine to perform, but a God-given provision for our spiritual good

1. Nitpicks and questions about whether we have to, complaints, neglects, etc., reveal an attitude of taking lightly the opportunity for Christians to be together
2. God wants to give us something in our assemblies - our involvement or lack thereof reveals much about whether we desire to accept what God has for us!
3. To minimize this aspect of Christianity jeopardizes not only one's own soul, but the souls of others!
4. Engage personally and directly in the work of the congregation
 - a. Evangelism - e.g., **Ac 8:4**
 - b. Edification - **Ro 14:19**
 - c. Benevolence - **Ac 2:44-45**
5. Pray for other Christians, especially those of one's own congregation - e.g., **Col 4:12**
6. Help maintain unity in the congregation - **1Co 1:10**
7. Participate in the discipline of the congregation, both instructive as well as corrective - **Ga 6:1-2**;
5. Extend courtesy and hospitality - **1Pe 4:9** .
6. Find an individual role and fill it - **2Ti 4:5**
7. Submit to the congregation's elders - **He 13: 17**

Such action steps will greatly increase one's level of involvement in a local church

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CONCLUSION

1. Too often, churches are like football games...
 - a. The players on the field could use a rest from their exertion
 - b. The spectators in the stands need to exercise more

2. Churches likewise have "players" and "spectators" ...
 - a. The players are active members, faithfully supporting their local church
 - b. The spectators are members who benefit while expecting others to carry the load

3. Do we really love and appreciate the church of our Lord...?
 - a. For which He shed His blood?
 - b. Then let us fulfill our responsibilities to the church, both universal and local.

You should support your local church by being an active and involved member. Not only will you bless others in doing so, but you will be richly blessed in return...!

Hebrews 6:10 (NKJV)

10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.