

Responsibility of church membership

Responsibility – *“having capacity to be held accountable to a duty, obligation, or burden*

Church membership – my responsibility as a Christian to the work of the Lord in my location

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- **Biblical responsibility:**
 - **Ensure that the truth is being taught, practiced**
 - **Learn! Acts 17:11** (requires attendance)
 - **Ensure congregational adherence to the New Testament example, Acts 2:42** (discipline, proper use of funds, etc.)
 - **Do not confuse man's traditions with God's commands, Mt. 15:9**

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- **Biblical responsibility:**
 - See to the needs of the saints
 - Consider one another to stir up love and good works, **Heb. 10:24** (requires attendance)
 - Love in deed and in truth – **I Jn. 3:13-21**
 - No middle ground – **I Cor. 13**
 - Bear one another's burdens – **Gal. 6:2**
 - Requires care, trust, knowledge

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- **Biblical responsibility:**
 - **Labor in the work of the Lord**
 - **Do not grow weary in doing good – Gal. 6:7-10, Rev. 14:13**
 - **Do not “buy indulgences” – Rev. 2:1-3**
 - **Let each seek to help the work of the Lord (requires communication, premeditation)**

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- **Personal responsibility: Application**
 - **Regarding the truth**
 - **Always be an example “to” and “of” –
I Tim. 4:12**
 - **Don’t be afraid to ask, “Do we have
authority (**express** or **implied**) for this?”**
 - **Consider how you can help teach others**

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- **Personal responsibility: Application**
 - **Regarding the brethren**
 - **Check up on absent brethren**
 - **Seek out brethren beyond the worship services, get to know them**
 - **Actively pray for one another**
 - **Consider ways to encourage and edify**

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- **Personal responsibility: Application**
 - **Regarding the work**
 - **Be active and participate** at every opportunity
 - **Be straightforward concerning your strengths and weaknesses, using your abilities to assist**
 - **Actively make specific efforts regarding plans to reach those on the outside and to encourage other Christians**

**“Ask not what the body can do
for you, but what you can do
for the body.”**