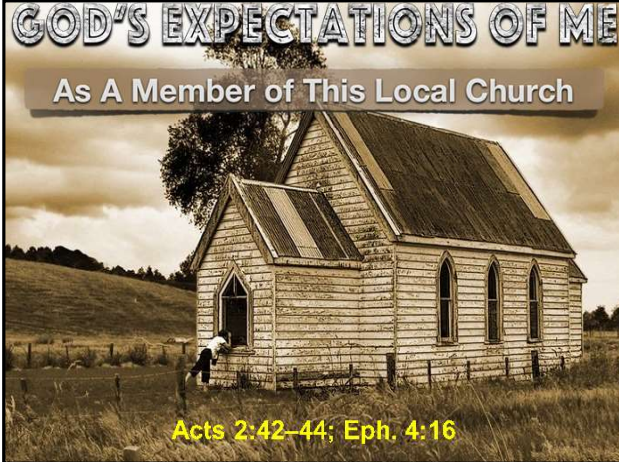


GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF ME
As A Member of This Local Church



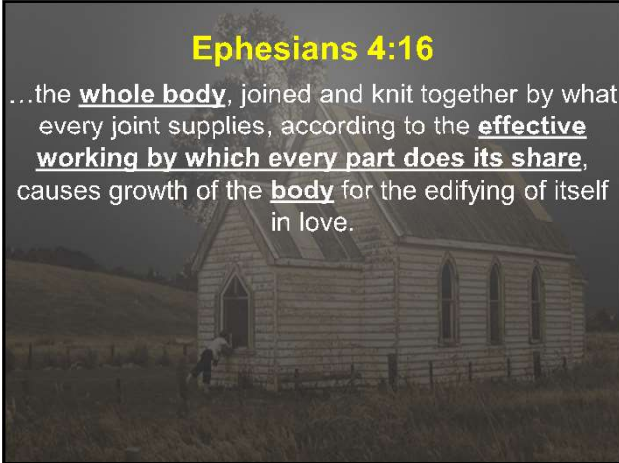
Acts 2:42-44; Eph. 4:16

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⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common.

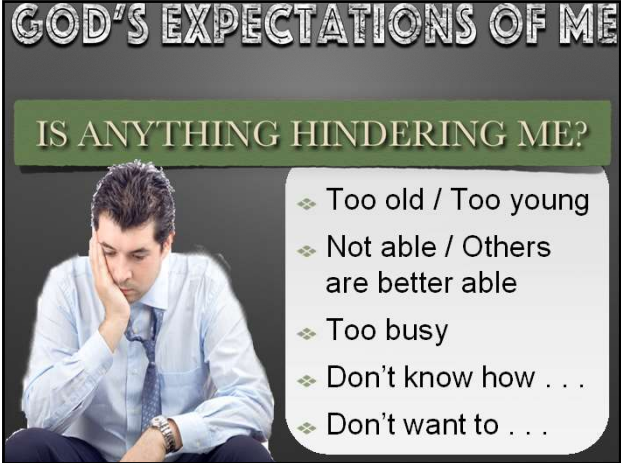
Ephesians 4:16

...the **whole body**, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the **effective working by which every part does its share**, causes growth of the **body** for the edifying of itself in love.



GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF ME

IS ANYTHING HINDERING ME?



- ❖ Too old / Too young
- ❖ Not able / Others are better able
- ❖ Too busy
- ❖ Don't know how . . .
- ❖ Don't want to . . .

GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF ME

Total Commitment or Mere Involvement?

HAM & EGGS



Webster's Dictionary

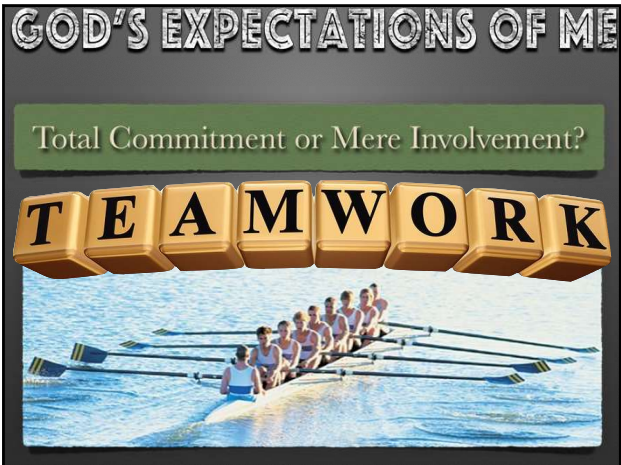
Involved: - "to engage as a participant."

Committed: - "Totally bound or obligated."

GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF ME

Total Commitment or Mere Involvement?

TEAMWORK



GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF ME

Local Churches Have Different Kinds of Members



"RELUCTANT MEMBER"

- Mind elsewhere / Attends When Convenient



"OBSERVING MEMBER"

- Focus on performance / What do I Get?



"INVOLVED MEMBER"

- Listens, Prays, Sings, Partakes / Gives & Receives



"DEVOTED MEMBER"

- Can be depended on to help, support, serve / Committed

GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF ME

As A Member of This Local Church

Be Truly Converted



I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.

- ❖ A changed heart – (intellect, will, emotions) – **Gal. 2:20**
- ❖ A change of who is in charge – **Gal. 2:20**
- ❖ A change in priorities & values – **Matt. 6:19-33**

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Be Truly Converted



For you are all **sons of God** through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

- ❖ A change in relationships
 - ❖ God – children – **Gal. 3:26-27**
 - ❖ Jesus – Lord – **Lk. 6:46**
 - ❖ One another – brethren – **Rom. 12; 14**
 - ❖ The lost – a light, salt – **Matt. 5:13-16**

GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF ME

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To Live Consecrated Lives ...

ἅγιος – hagios - sacred (physically pure, morally blameless or religious,


as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

- ❖ Called to be saints – **Rom. 1:7**
- ❖ As obedient children - **1 Pet. 1:15-16**
- ❖ Being separate from the world – **2 Cor. 6:14ff**

GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF ME

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To Assemble With The Saints ...



from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every one of us has put on, are growing together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another...

- ❖ To worship – **Jn. 4:24; 1 Cor. 11:33**
- ❖ To learn – **1 Tim. 4:16**
- ❖ To serve – **Eph. 4:16**
- ❖ To encourage others – **Heb. 10:25**

GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF ME

As A Member of This Local Church

Working Together For The Cause ...



- Some Think of the Church as a Club
 - Fulfill duty by paying dues
 - Fulfill duty by attending meetings
 - Hire others to do my work

GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF ME

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Working Together For The Cause ...




❖ Church pictured as:

- A Body – **1 Cor. 12**
- A Kingdom – **Col. 3:13**
- A Vineyard – **Matt. 20**
- An Army – **Eph. 6:10-18**
- A Temple – **1 Pet. 2:4-5**

GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF ME

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Working Together For The Cause ...








➢ If every member of this congregation was JUST as committed AS I AM ...

- ❖ Attendance?
- ❖ Works of the church?
- ❖ Providing assistance for material needs?
- ❖ Supporting teaching efforts?

GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF ME


WHAT KIND OF MEMBER ARE YOU?

Always finding something wrong ...	RESPONDS because they feel like they HAVE TO	RESPONDS because they want to get along	Willing to work with others / good helpers	Seeks opportunities to serve / dependable
 Critic	 Compelled	 Compliant	 Cooperative	 Committed

DEPENDS ON MY Priorities And Values

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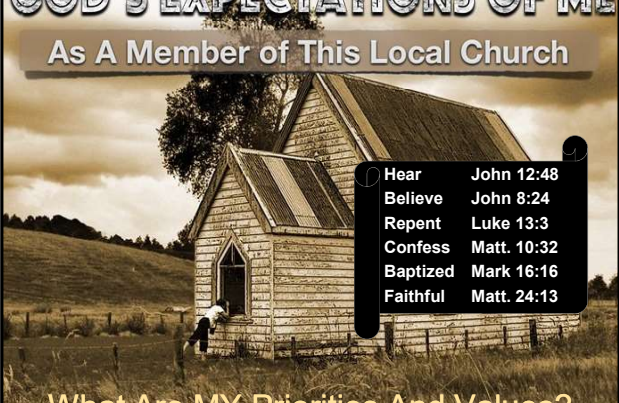


- ❖ To Be A Learner
- ❖ To Be Committed
- ❖ To Be Dedicated
- ❖ To Be Supportive
- ❖ To Be Willing To Serve

What Are MY Priorities And Values?

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Hear	John 12:48
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Luke 13:3
Confess	Matt. 10:32
Baptized	Mark 16:16
Faithful	Matt. 24:13

What Are MY Priorities And Values?