

The Work of the Church Member

What do you do in the local church? In Romans 12:4-8, we learn that being part of a church requires involvement (Romans 12:4-8). It requires being a contributor and active part of the body.

This means that there is work for every Christian to do in the local church. There is work for young disciples, new converts, new members, and senior saints.

Let's consider five specific works every church member can do to glorify God.

The Work of Worshiping

- Jesus commands His people to worship (John 4:24). The early Christians assembled for this purpose (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 14:26).
- Worshipping in the assembly allows Christians to serve and edify one another (Hebrews 10:23-25). They can strengthen and equip one another in faithful service to God.
- When we make an effort to show up and offer passionate worship, we do important things for other members of the spiritual body.

The Work of Encouraging

- Christians are to encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:12-14). Grab a "Family Talk" and notice the brethren struggling with many different things.
- We can encourage others by doing simple and powerful things. We can text, call, email, and write cards with words of encouragement.
- We can visit and pray with those who are struggling. We can offer to take new members out to lunch. We can verbalize to our leaders that we appreciate their service.
- The encouragers are aware of others' needs and unselfishly do things that demonstrate they care.

The Work of Teaching

- Christians must grow to become teachers (Ephesians 4:11-12; Hebrews 5:11-12).
- There are many different avenues for teaching. Some can teach Bible classes. Some are blessed with the skill to teach the lost (1 Thessalonians 1:8). Parents must teach their children (Ephesians 6:4). New converts need to be grounded and spiritually fortified (Matthew 28:19-20).
- We all teach others by the example of righteous life (1 Timothy 4:12). This kind of teaching can have the most lasting impact!

The Work of Restoring

- Sometimes Christians fall away and get up in sin. When this happens, we must all launch out on a rescue mission (2 Thessalonians 3:14-15; Galatians 6:1).
- The work of restoring the erring is given to those who are "spiritual."
- This work begins with paying attention to the members of the spiritual family. When family members fall away, we must pray for them, never forget about them, avoid making them feel comfortable, and continually admonish them.

The Work of Welcoming

- We must always be conscious of the guests in our assemblies (1 Corinthians 14:23-25).
- We must avoid merely giving attention to the folks we talk to all the time and make an effort to greet, encourage, get to know, and thank our guests.
- Never come into the building without your "visitor goggles!"

Conclusion:

Let us avoid just being a member of a local church. Instead, let us also be workers in that church!

