

The Exhortation and Examination of Laity

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Paul wrote in his letter to the Ephesians, “For by grace you have been saved by faith. And that is not your own doing, it is a gift of God, not as result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8) God has given us a wonderful free gift. Make your commitment in response to what He has done for you.

Officiant Will you celebrate with the Body of Christ every Sunday and sing praises to His name?

Answer With God’s grace, I will.

Officiant Will you study God’s Word regularly and keep His word in your heart?

Answer With God’s grace, I will.

Officiant Will you live out your Baptismal vows each and every day?

Answer With God’s grace, I will.

Officiant Will you remember the importance of Baptism and Confirmation for your children and those who are new to our apostolic Christian faith?

Answer With God’s grace, I will.

Officiant Will you prayerfully consider the Biblical tithe as the minimum standard of your giving to support the building of His kingdom?

Answer With God’s grace, I will.

Officiant Will you practice forgiveness? Paul writes to the Colossians, “as the Lord has forgiven you, you must also forgive.” (Colossians 3:13)

Answer With God’s grace, I will.

Officiant Will you mentally and spiritually prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion each Sunday?

Answer With God’s grace, I will.

Officiant Will you develop your spiritual discipline by observing the feasts and fasts of the Church?

Answer With God’s grace, I will.

Officiant Will you learn more about your faith? This will enable you to become a more effective ambassador for Him.

Answer With God’s grace, I will.

Officiant Will you share the good news of Christ to all who do not know Him?

Answer With God’s grace, I will.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon this person who has now reaffirmed *his* commitment to follow Christ and to serve in *his* name. Give *him* courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.