

Chapter 6: A Healthy Church Member Is A Committed Member



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Which animal is most committed to provide to the breakfast plate?

Committed defined

1. To _____ one's self to
2. To bind or _____ as by pledge
3. To entrust _____ to

A healthy church member is committed to Christ and to the Church, which is the _____ of Christ.

I. **Danger Zone**

For a Christian to say he/she is committed to Christ, but not the church, is a **HUGE RED FLAG**.

1. Sign of _____ biblical understanding
2. Sign of _____ the Spirit
3. Sign of deliberately _____ the Lord's command



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Attitude of many Christians today toward church pg. 64

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

"I would rather be safe in the ark with the filth, than to face the sure danger outside the ark in the flood."

1. _____ – take it or leave it; church doesn't matter
2. _____ – never consider Bible's view of local church
3. _____ – Lone Ranger & consume what they need
4. _____ – strong attachment to "home church" and yet they now live a hundred of miles away

II. **Church Membership Is Biblical – pg. 65**

- A. **Church Leaders** – shepherds are called by God to _____ & _____ God's people
1 Peter 5:1-4; Titus 1:4-11; Rom 10: 13-15
- B. **Church Discipline** – the Church is necessary for personal _____. **(pg.66)**

Process of Sanctification

1. I _____ sanctified – by the _____ of Jesus Christ
2. I am _____ sanctified – by the work of the _____
3. I _____ be sanctified – when Christ _____ we shall be like Him

A primary work of the Holy Spirit is to work through the _____, to _____ members of the church.

As church member and part Body of Christ, we each have a responsibility to _____ with the Holy Spirit, as He does His _____ work in each member’s life.

Matt 18:15-17; 1 Cor 5:5-6

III. Essence of Church Membership: _____ – pg.67

John 13:34-35 – A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love [agapaō] one another; as I have loved [agapaō] you, that ye also love [agapaō] one another. **By this** shall all *men* know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love [agape] one to another.

John 15: 12-13	What agape-love requires		
	Jesus	Disciples	
		John 3:16	1 John 3:16
		Phil 2: 5-8	Matt 16:24
		Luke 22:42	Acts 7:59-60
		Mark 16:7	Luke 6:32-36

Read and underline what stands out to you: [pg67] “The mark of Christian discipleship is love – love of the kind Jesus exercised toward His followers, love visible enough the men will recognize it as belonging to those who follow Jesus.”

IV. Portrait of a Committed Church Member – pg. 68

1. **Attends Regularly** – Being _____, being _____, and being _____ are the only ways to make Christian love _____.
2. **Seeks peace** – “Let us pursue what makes for peace and mutual building up.” **Rom 14:19**
 - **Pursue** – _____ seek to acquire
 - **Building up** – seek that which promotes _____ in another
3. **Edifies Others** – a healthy and committed church member comes to _____, not to be served, like Jesus; to _____, not to be a _____ only. **Eph 4:11-16**

4. **Warns and admonishes others** – a committed member is committed to speaking the _____ in love....helping others avoid _____, and encouraging them to _____ and Christian joy.
5. **Pursues reconciliation [pg. 69]** – those who have received reconciliation through Christ, pursue reconciliation with others. The forgiven readily _____.
6. **Bears with others** – ministers of reconciliation must be _____ and longsuffering; characterized by _____; hold up under the weight of disappointments, _____, loss, attack, slander, and _____. – **Matt 18:21-22**
7. **Prepares for ordinances**
 - Rejoices when a new believer is baptized
 - Examines his/her heart in **preparation** of joining the family of God at the Lord's Table.
8. **Supports the work of ministry** – a committed church member gives resources, _____, and talent to the furtherance of the gospel in the _____ church.

Conclusion

To fail to associate ourselves in a _____ and committed way with the Head of the church, by joining His Body, is surely a sign of _____ – whether from an uninformed or _____ heart.