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For a local church to be great, it must have great members. A local church is the combined contribution of all members. Most Christians only attend to watch or hear a performance. All members will be accountable to Christ for his/her duties. Let us quickly, profitably review some of your church duties.

Understand the Limited Format

1. It is not exhaustive of all N.T. rules for members.
2. It is thorough with traits in two related studies.
3. Key traits were also detailed in recent sermons.
4. Verses will be referenced, not shown or studied.
5. Most points have many more verses for support.
6. All the member traits have supporting sermons.
7. The real issue is if you see the church important.
8. The goal is to expose each by the perfect mirror.

What Will You Do for Your Church?

- Will you pray for it ... with all prayer, supplication, and watching?
- Will you prepare for its assemblies ... to honor God like a governor?
- Will you participate in assemblies ... to help congregational worship?
- Will you protect its doctrine, practice, peace, unity, and communion?
- Will you provide for it every way you are able with effort, time, money?
- Will you promote it passionately as others do things far inferior to it?

This Study Should Follow the Previous Two:

What Is a Church?

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What Is a Great Church?

<https://letgodbetruer.com/sermons/index/year-2014/what-is-a-great-church/>

What Is a Church?

God's Temple	Truth Defender	Personal Equalizer
Spirit's House	Salvation Source	Heaven's Magistrate
Christ's Body	Worship Center	Living Organism
Christ's Bride	Reality Check	Freedom Central
Potentate's Property	Chosen Overseers	Support Group
Scripture Repository	Protective Warning	Special Supper
Treasure Chest	God's Seminary	Fellowship Door
Christ's Prophecy	Small Claims Court	Praise Band
God's Israel	Welfare Agency	United Nations
Angelic Wonder	Competent Counselors	Living Epistles
Heavenly Connection	Synergistic Leverage	Secret Society
Inner Circle	Prayer Band	Mega Church
Royal Commission	Replacement Family	Hidden Wisdom
Priest Ordination	Best Friends	World Evangelism

What Is a Great Church?

Christ-Centric	Self-Correcting	Hospitable & Entertain	No Pagan Holidays
First Love – Hot	Disciplining	Internal Welfare	Marriage Only in Lord
Regenerate Members	Covers Sins	Work Ethic	Children Trained
Spirit-Filled	Holiness	Scrupulously Honest	Five Authority Spheres
Doctrinal Dogmatism	Reverent Worship	Liberal	No Cremation
Preaching Emphasis	Zeal	Tithing / Giving	Passionate Marriages
Church Independence	Attendance	Pastoral Support	Traditional Marriages
Due-Order Details	Every Joint	Female Modesty	Patriarchal
A Capella Singing	Thanksgiving	Hair Length	Historicists
Perilous Times	Evangelism	Closed Communion	Burning Hell
Praying	Commission Fulfilled	Gifts – Cessationists	Ministerial Succession
Brotherly Love	Civil Obedience	Communion Elements	Christian Ethics
Forgiving	Christian Liberty	RCC is Antichrist	No Love Fallacies
Peaceful	Passionate	No Secret Societies	Bible by Four F's
Unity	Joyful	Women Silent	Full-Time Pastors

Two Sermon Series Go Deeper and Wider:

Higher Ground

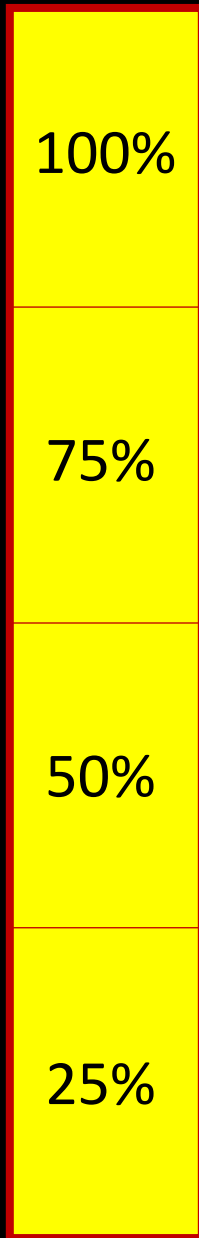
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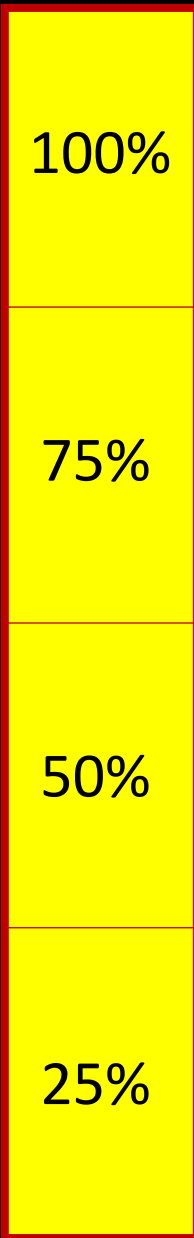
Heroes Needed for Great Cause

1. “Heroes” too carnal a word? Who are in Heb 11?
2. The church of Jesus Christ trumps other causes.
3. It is our sacred duty and honor to make it great.
4. For a great church, there is no room for ordinary.
5. Exceeding magnificent is not common or ordinary.
6. Above and beyond is how great Christians think.
7. In what way are you like David or Paul? Show it.
8. If you see yourself great some way, why not this?



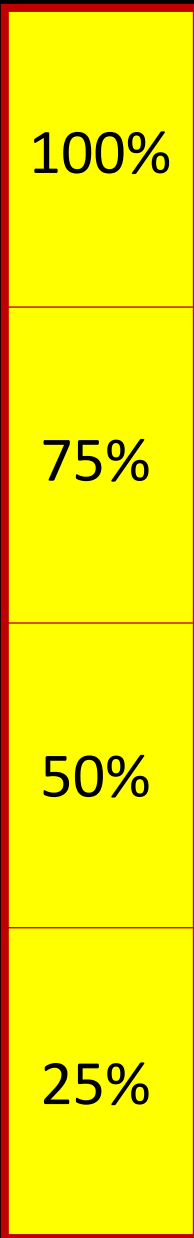
Where do you rank?

- The top 25% in an organization usually does 80% of the work.
- If the bottom 25% left, it causes an instant, overall improvement.
- The middle 50% are average, but who wants to be average!
- This is for the Lord ... and your oath of allegiance at baptism.



What does Jesus deserve?

- He died to save you from hell.
- He is King of kings forevermore.
- Paul warned about lack of love!
- Jesus judges losing first love.
- Jesus judges lukewarm worship.
- How many have you converted?



Where do you rank?

- Delight and devour word of God.
- LIFO or FILO zeal for assemblies.
- Participation in all public praise.
- Volunteer in roles to help others.
- Love and zeal for singing praise.
- Spiritual conversation of Christ.

Where do you rank?

100%

75%

50%

25%

- I am alive to help you all rise.
- Jesus Christ deserves our best.
- Our church should be the best.
- Let us hate average anything.
- Where do you fall in the church?
- It is easy to rise to the next level.



Reprobate	Scorner	Fool	Mean Man	Good	Wise	Great
Son of Belial	Churl			Men of Activity		Mighty Man
				Industrious		



Doeg

Nabal

Lot

Average

Bezaleel

Apostles

David

Judas

Saul

Solomon

Lazarus

Timothy

Paul

Daniel

Joseph



RCC

Corinth

Laodicea

Average

Rome

Thessalonica

Philippi

Thyatira

Galatia

Colossians

Hebrews

Ephesus

They Understand their Commitment

- Membership in most churches is weakened to nothing.
- Attendance does not make members, or churches great.
- Like marriage, it is a commitment to Christ and His body.
- Leaving must be done God's way or it is unacceptable.
- Are you a great member? **Let us live and die in the Lord.**

Baptism Is Not Membership

1. In fact, they are not even related except order.
2. Baptism is the first act of obedience to the Lord.
3. It is an individual event between a man and God.
4. It is the answer of a good conscience by salvation.
5. Church membership is a congregational event.
6. A man and church choose to relate by N.T. rules.
7. Membership is formal as Paul saw at Jerusalem.
8. One is either in or out of a church by its action.

They Walk with God and Delight in Him

- Their relationship with God is far greater than religion.
- They are spiritually minded and put earthly things last.
- They keep personal devotions for intimate fellowship.
- They love Christ, never grieve the Spirit, live for eternity.
- Are you a great member? A daily walk with God is key.

They Live Holy Lives and Hate Sin

- Our God is holy: a church is only as holy as its members.
- This is one of our 15 questions; it is crucial to be great.
- Never forget what Achan did and how it cost 36 lives.
- All our church members must be holy above all else.
- Are you a great member? Hate sin like God hates it.

They Crave More of the Holy Spirit

- We cannot be like many Baptists to minimize the Spirit.
- They pray to be filled, seek it, and avoid grieving Him.
- The pastor emphasizes 12 ministries since Paul wrote it.
- They live holy in the Spirit for fellowship and power.
- Are you a great member? **Learn Ephesians and beg it.**

They Bear Much Fruit of the Spirit

- Great Christians and members abound with Spirit's fruit.
- They know the fruit and bear it all by Christ's strength.
- They abide in Christ the Vine and glory in every fruit.
- They walk in the Spirit rather than just live in the Spirit.
- Are you a great member? Which fruit are you weak in?

They Are Diligent Bible Students

- What is a student? A member that studies the Bible.
- They beg for knowledge and apply themselves to read.
- They listen intently to sound doctrine to defend truth.
- They apply the Bible rightly and strongly to all matters.
- Are you a great member? **Separate and intermeddle!**

They Love Praying

- Prayer is the most powerful way for any member to help.
- The first 3000 members in Jerusalem prayed (Acts 2:42; 12:12).
- Prayer request tables are available and a member page.
- Every member could attend one prayer meeting a month.
- Are you a great member? **Change to be a prayer warrior.**

They Are Great Examples to Children

- Without a miracle, children will be as spiritual as parents.
- So compromise, hypocrisy, neglect will be perpetuated.
- The future of the church is by your present child training.
- Think Hannah, Jonadab, Lois and Eunice ... not David, Eli.
- Are you a great member? You daily choose the future.

They Never Change or Vary

- Good character includes consistent, constant faithfulness.
- If you vary from week to week you cause others to worry.
- God, Christ, Spirit, and Bible do not change. Why do you?
- Your actions, words, and moods should be more constant.
- Are you a great member? Purpose to be the same always.

They Obey *One Another* Duties

- *One Another* = each member treating each other member.
- Its 32 occurrences cover serve, love, consider, exhort, etc.
- Thus, membership is far different from merely attending.
- In a great church, each member serves each other member.
- Are you a great member? What have you done for whom?

They Grasp Diamond Love

- The Golden Rule is to love others as you desire their love.
- The Platinum Rule is to love others as they desire your love.
- Diamond Love is much higher to make a better Christian.
- Acts of service, money, friendship do not go high enough.
- Are you a great member? Getting ready for Christ is goal!

They Defy Comfort Zones

- A sorry human weakness is giving in to comfort zones.
- This weakness will avoid engaging members or visitors.
- Fearful of public speaking, they avoid most participation.
- They are afraid to pray in front of others, so they avoid it.
- Are you a great member? Real zeal has no comfort zone.

They Love the Church Like David Did

- David was obsessed with congregational worship of Jehovah.
- He made above and beyond efforts many different ways.
- He did not slow down with age but did even more for it.
- The ten passages shared from Psalms show his difference.
- Are you a great member? Show God and us your passion.

They Are Not Myopic

- Myopic = getting distracted and worked up by little things.
- Every church will have little issues to nag the nearsighted.
- How can little things bother any in light of what a church is!
- How can little things bother in light of what Jesus forgave!
- Are you a great member? Flush the hundred pence gladly.

They Do Not Meddle in Other Lives

- Peter blasted busybodies in other men's matters (I Peter 4:15).
- Paul was also against it, especially widows (II Thes 3:11; I Tim 5:13).
- Remember, a church is Freedom Central, so let others live.
- Meddling easily leads to sinful backbiting and talebearing.
- Are you a great member? Perfect others rather than nose.

They Avoid or Crush Cliques

- The *one another* duties of a church preclude any cliques.
- Those less desirable in a church were put there by God.
- Church is not for family reunions or hanging with friends.
- Differences will exist, but they should be minimized.
- Are you a great member? **Avoid the easy for the hard.**

They Love Bible Preaching

- They know preaching is a main component of a church.
- They prepare, focus, and review to learn all they should.
- They encourage the pastor and talk of sermons to others.
- Faith comes by hearing, so they pray and listen eagerly.
- Are you a great member? Choose to embrace each word.

They Invest More in the Uncomely

- They do not avoid the uncomely and engage with friends.
- They know Paul's body rules require more time with weak.
- They remember all souls are precious and a church's parts.
- They assign themselves and their children those to pursue.
- **Are you a great member? Identify and support the weak.**

They Love and Submit to their Pastor

- They esteem the pastor in love for his work (I Thess 5:12-13).
- They submit to his rule and follow his faith (Hebrews 13:7,17,24).
- They encourage by financial support and church peace.
- They pray for his wisdom and to rightly divide scripture.
- Are you a great member? How can you help your pastor?

They Are Soul Winners

- After family, there is soul winning in the church (Jas 5:19-20).
- After in the church, there is soul winning outside (Prov 11:30).
- Have you saved any like Aquila and Priscilla to be great?
- They pray ... show ... and tell the truth (Rom 10:1; Mat 5:16; Jn 1:41).
- Are you a great member? **Easy: Proverbs, small pill, truth.**

They Love Forgiveness and Mercy

- Church members are sinners, so both are greatly needed.
- They know the bigger part of love is forbearing (I Cor 13:4-7).
- They know it is glorious to pass over transgressions (Pr 19:11).
- They do not like to err, but if they must, it will be for mercy.
- Are you a great member? They easily forgive and forget.

They Have a Servant's Heart

- They will do anything for the church without any fanfare.
- They hate being a taker and would much rather be a giver.
- They look and ask for opportunities to serve without note.
- They know the greatest to the Lord are the lowly servants.
- Are you a great member? Find dirty or secret things to do.

They Keep Right Relationships

- Remember the relationships chart and how many you have.
- Great members take care of each one to make all perfect.
- You can reconcile if you offended ... or confront if they did.
- A people prepared for the Lord? Fathers and sons in unity.
- Are you a great member? **Do not let any relationship slip.**

They Attend Faithfully

- Forsaking attendance at any service is against apostolic rule.
- Attending is not a great member but using it for the church.
- Paul taught it to consider, provoke, and exhort (Heb 10:23-25).
- A kind courtesy is to tell the pastor's office if you must miss.
- Are you a great member? What is a body with parts gone?

They Are Not Hasty

- Haste is a sin, and our emotions call for it often (Prov 19:2).
- Slow down and do nothing when you feel emotions rise.
- Keeping relationships with sinners requires slowing down.
- Sinful hearts want to rush to judgment, but it is sin (Jas 1:19).
- **Are you a great member? Slow down. Stop. Be cautious.**

They Protect Reputations

- They do not spread secrets; it is talebearing, backbiting, etc.
- They stop those that say negative things about a member.
- They believe the best about each member, or they hope it.
- Talebearing causes bitter strife; a great church will crush it.
- Are you a great member? **Be vigilant, quick to stop gossip.**

They Emphasize the Body Members

- RCC members go to church to sit, hear, respond, see a skit.
- Bible Christians know they meet together for the people.
- God chose congregational worship to help us hold faith fast.
- Why would you think of anyone else for friendship outside?
- **Are you a great member? Just think! Loving one another!**

What Are Great Church Members?

Understand Commitment	Obey <i>One Another</i> Rules	Love / Submit to Pastor
Walk and Delight in God	Grasp Diamond Love	Soul Winners In / Out
Live Holy Life / Hate Sin	Defy Comfort Zones	Forgiveness & Mercy
Crave More Holy Spirit	Love Church Like David	Have a Servant's Heart
Much Fruit of the Spirit	Not Myopic for Faults	Right Relationships
Diligent Bible Student	No Meddling in Others	Attend All for Others
Public/Private Prayer	Avoid or Crush Cliques	Avoid the Sin of Haste
Example to Children	Love Bible Preaching	Protect Reputations
Never Change or Vary	Invest in the Uncomely	Emphasize Members

**To work the way it should by God's Spirit,
a church must love Christ passionately.
There can be no shortcut to this key
goal and purpose of each local
church and each member.**

For Further Study of Local N.T. Churches

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