

PART 5 ~ OUR CHALLENGE

THE MEMBER'S CHALLENGE

TO BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

At Transformation Church, we ask you to commit to church membership.

1. A _____ Reason: Christ died for the Church.
2. A _____ Reason: It defines who can be counted on. Every team must have a roster. Membership defines our family.
3. A _____ Reason: It produces spiritual growth. The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth.
4. You cannot be accountable when you are not committed to any specific church family.

A Christian without a church home is an _____.

THE MEMBER'S CREED

TO HONOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

1. I will protect the _____ of my church by...

- **Following the leaders.**
- **Acting in love toward other members.**
- **Refusing to _____.**

And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24

Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus. Romans 15:5

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment... Ephesians 4:29

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:17

2. I will _____ the responsibility of my church by...

- **Praying for its _____.**
- **Inviting the _____ to attend.**
- **Warmly _____ those who visit.**

We give thanks always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that My house may be filled. Luke 14:23

Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. Romans 15:7

3. I will _____ the ministry of my church by...

- Discovering my gifts & talents.
- Being equipped to serve.
- Developing a servant's heart.

And he gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers... to the building up of the Body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12

Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:4-5

I will _____ the testimony of my church by...

- Attending faithfully.
- Living a godly life.
- Giving regularly.

...not forsaking the assembling together... Hebrews 10:25

Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Philippians 1:27

On the first day of the week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper. 1 Corinthians 16:2

THE MEMBER'S COMMITMENT

TO STRENGTHEN THE BODY OF CHRIST

1. Commit to be a _____ of God's Word.

- **Hear** the Word (Romans 10:17).
- **Read** the Word (Revelation 1:3).
- **Study** the Word (Acts 17:11).
- **Memorize** the Word (Psalm 119:9-11).
- **Meditate** on the Word (Psalm 1:2-3)

2. Commit to be a _____ warrior. (Matthew 6:9-15)

- **Praise** – I express my love to God. (v.9)
- **Purpose** – I commit myself to God's will. (v.10)
- **Provision** – I ask God to meet my needs. (v.11)
- **Pardon** – I ask God for forgiveness. (v.12)
- **People** – I pray for others. (v. 12)
- **Protection** – I ask for spiritual protection. (v. 13)

3. Commit to be spiritually _____.

- Church is not something to _____; it is a place to _____ – to be spiritually connected.
 - A **brick** in a building.
 - A **part** of a body.
 - A **sheep** in a flock.
 - A **member** of a family.

4. Commit to be a _____ and a _____.

a. Tithing is about _____.

For every animal of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the field are

Mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and everything in it is Mine. Psalm 50:10-12

Thus all the tithe of the land... is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord. Leviticus 27:30

But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who is giving you power to make wealth... Deuteronomy 8:18

b. Tithing is about_____.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Malachi 3:10

Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce. Proverbs 3:9

But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.

2 Corinthians 8:7b-8

The Bible says we are to give _____, joyfully, sacrificially, and generously. **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

5. Commit to sharing the _____ of Jesus Christ.

a. It's _____.

All farmers know that the seed must go in before the crops come out. The Law of the harvest says...

- ✓ You reap _____ you sow.
- ✓ You reap _____ than you sow.
- ✓ You reap _____ than you sow.

b. It's _____. *And he who is wise wins souls.* **Proverbs 11:30**

c. It's _____.

- There is great _____ in doing God's will.