

CHURCHOLOGY: SHARE THE LOAD

Body for God Part 4 of 5

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“But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”

1 Cor. 14:40 (NIV)

KEY ELEMENTS IN EXPRESSING OUR CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

“You are members of God’s very own family, citizens of God’s country, and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”

Eph. 2:19 (LB)

Two Family Attitudes:

1. To live in relationship to _____.
2. To live to _____.

“In Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

Romans 12:5 (NIV)

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ...the eye can never say to the hand: ‘I don’t need you’ the head can’t say to the feet, ‘I don’t need you!’”

1 Cor. 12:12, 21 (LB)

FOUR KEY ELEMENTS TO LOOK FOR IN A CHURCH:

1. The church is your _____.

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. Instead, let us encourage one another.”

Heb. 10:25 (TEV)

“And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.”

Eph. 4:32 (NAB)

“Share each other’s troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord’s command.”

Gal. 6:2 (LB)

2. The church is where you _____.

“A tithe (a tenth) of everything ... belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.”

Lev. 27:30 (LB)

“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your crops.”

Prov. 3:9 (NIV)

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.”

Mal. 3:10 (NIV)

“One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.”

Prov. 11:24 (NIV)

3. The church is to help you understand your _____.

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Eph. 2:10 (NIV)

“Some of us have been given special ability as apostles; to others he has given the gift of being able to preach well; some have special ability in winning people to Christ, helping them to trust him as their Savior; still others have a gift for caring for God’s people as a shepherd does his sheep, leading and teaching them in the ways of God.”

Eph. 4:11 (LB)

“There are different kinds of service to God, but it is the same Lord we are serving...All of you together are the one body of Christ and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.”

1 Cor. 12:5, 27 (LB)

4. The church is to prepare me for _____ in life.

“But life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus Christ, the work of telling others the Good News about God’s mighty kindness and love.”

Acts 20:24 (LB)

BEFORE JOINING A CHURCH, CHECK OUT:

It’s workout _____, its exercise _____, a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.”

John 4:23 (NIV)

its cardio-_____ and its _____.

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

2 Cor. 3:17 (NIV)

THREE REASONS TO COMMIT TO A CHURCH:

1. Because Bodybuilding 4 God will build my _____.

2. Because I will get great _____.

“You should be like one big happy family loving one another with tender hearts.”

1 Peter 3:8 (LB)

3. Because I get the world’s best _____.

“...Christ loved the church. He gave up His life for her.”

Eph 5:25 (NLT)

“...I will build my church...”

Matthew 16:18 (NIV)