

Sermon Notes: Your Role as a Church Member

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Key Scripture References

- 1 Corinthians 4:2 - "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."
- Psalms 92:12-13 - "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree... those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish..."
- Proverbs 3:9-10 - "Honor the Lord with thy substance... so shall thy barns be filled..."
- Luke 6:38 - "Give, and it shall be given unto you..."
- James 1:8 - "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."
- Luke 16:12 - "If you have not been faithful in that which is another man's..."

Extended Sermon Notes

1. Be a Faithful Attendee

- Faithfulness means showing up consistently, even when it's inconvenient.
- Like a receptionist in an office, your presence enables the church to function.
- Your faithfulness builds the spiritual and practical foundation of the church.
- A mega church is built on many small acts of consistent faithfulness.

2. Be a Stable Christian

- Stability is about spiritual rootedness and consistency in a single local church.
- Church-hopping disrupts spiritual growth, much like a transplanted plant can't thrive.
- Psalm 92 reminds us that flourishing happens only when planted in the house of the Lord.

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- A stable believer builds strong spiritual muscles and is less prone to deception.

3. Pay Your Tithes

- Tithing is not only a command, but a key to unlocking financial and spiritual blessings.
- Proverbs 3 teaches that honoring God with your firstfruits brings abundance.
- Even gifts and non-traditional income are opportunities to honor God.
- Faithfulness in this area ensures the church has resources to minister and serve.

4. Give Offerings Generously

- Offerings go beyond obligation - they are acts of love and faith.
- Luke 6:38 reminds us of the law of reciprocity: "give, and it will come back."
- Giving shows that we prioritize God's kingdom and care for His house.
- Generosity reflects the heart of God and invites His blessings.

Personal Reflection Prompts

- What has "faithfulness" looked like in my walk with God so far?
- Have I been spiritually planted in my local church, or spiritually uprooted?
- What are my biggest challenges in being a consistent tither or giver?
- Am I building a stable spiritual foundation for myself and others?
- Do I approach church attendance as optional or essential?

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Group Discussion Questions

1. What are the hidden costs of spiritual instability in a believer's life?
2. How can we support each other in becoming more faithful members?
3. What testimonies do we have of blessings received through tithing or giving?
4. What are practical ways to encourage consistent attendance among members?
5. What does being "planted in the house of the Lord" mean to you personally?

My Personal Notes

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Closing Prayer

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"Lord, plant me in Your house. Help me grow roots of stability, streams of faithfulness, and a heart that overflows with generosity. May I be found faithful. Amen."