

Sermon Title: Your Role as a Church Member Part 2

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I. Introduction

- Every believer has responsibilities in Christ.
- Christianity is rooted in giving God gave, Jesus gave, and we must also give.
- If your spiritual gifts are unused, they will be held against you.

II. Key Responsibilities of a Church Member

1. Be Faithful

- Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:2 It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.
- Attend services regularly: Sunday, midweek, prayer meetings.
- Your presence and consistency sets an example.

2. Be Stable

- Scripture: Psalm 92:12-13 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree...
- Avoid being tossed to and fro (Eph. 4:14).
- Be grounded in your church. Don't waver or hop between ministries.

3. Tithes and Offerings

- Scripture: John 3:16 Giving is foundational to our faith.
- Tithing and giving offerings is how we honor God and contribute to the work of the ministry.
- Everything you have is given to you by God (1 Cor. 4:7).

4. Use Your Talents and Gifts

- Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10, Romans 12:68
- Every gift matters whether prophecy, teaching, administration, or encouragement.
- Don't compare gifts; serve in love. The church thrives when each member contributes.

5. Know, Love, and Respect Your Pastors

- Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13
- Know those who labor among you.
- Esteem them highly in love for their work's sake.
- 2 Chronicles 20:20 Believe in the Lord... believe His prophets and you shall prosper.
- Respect, believe in, and pray for your pastors (1 Thess. 5:25, Heb. 13:18).

6. Bear Fruit for Christ

- Scripture: John 15:16 I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit...
- Soul winning is a core responsibility.
- Use your lifestyle and proximity to others to invite them to church and share the gospel.

III. Warnings and Encouragements

- Don't be rebellious; rebellion leads to dryness (Psalm 68:6).
- Avoid criticism, especially against church leaders. Criticism weakens, encouragement strengthens.
- Words of encouragement help build up the body of Christ.

IV. Practical Applications

- Be present and engaged at church.
- Find a role or ministry where you can serve consistently.
- Be a peacemaker, not a divider.
- Give not just financially, but with your time, encouragement, and support.

V. Call to Action

- Make a decision today to live out your role as a church member.
- Pray for grace to:
- Be faithful and stable.
- Use your gifts.
- Love and honor your leaders.
- Win souls for Christ.

Closing Prayer Points

1. Pray for grace to fulfill all your roles in the church.
2. Pray against the spirit of rebellion, criticism, and instability.
3. Pray for your pastors and leaders.
4. Pray for the manifestation of your spiritual gifts and fruitfulness.