



# **Blessings of Church** **Membership**

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- “Ekklesia” literally means “called out ones”; the church



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- To become a member of a church is to commit oneself to a local church. (Time, Talent, Treasure)



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- The Bible offers many reasons for being committed and active in a local church through membership.



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*<sup>26</sup> And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.*

I Cor. 12:26



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*<sup>7</sup> But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. I Cor.12:7*



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*<sup>18</sup> I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. Matt.16:18*



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- None of us are immune to temptation. God knows this, so He has assigned us as individuals the responsibility of keeping each other on track.



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*<sup>17</sup> 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.*

Heb.13:17



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- "Parents, just go to church"



*"If you feel inadequate to lead your kids spiritually, just go to church. If strategizing about your Christian parenting feels overly complicated, just go to church. If you've been taking a few too many Sundays off, just go to church. If all of this seems overwhelmingly difficult, ask God to give you the grace to have this consistent discipline in your family's life. Faithful church attendance can have an eternal influence on your kids."*      --Cameron Cole



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- We are called to belong, not just believe. We are created for community