

Series: The Church of God (4/11/18)

Title: The Member's Responsibilities:

(1 Pet 2:1-8)

(1 Pet 2:9) *Chosen* (Select, favorite, picked out)
Generation (Kin, kinfolk, related to God)
Royal Priesthood
Holy Nation
Peculiar People
Our Job-To Show forth the Praises of Him.

Illus: Many Christians today; have redefined Liberty in Christ to mean

***Free to do anything we want, (not sin)
or Free to do Nothing at all for the Lord.***

(Lk 12:48) *Much is given, much is required!
We have been given allot!*

God Outlines our Basic Responsibilities

(Deut 10:12-13) *And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but...*

- *To fear the LORD thy God,*
- *To walk in all his ways, and*
- *To love him, and*
- *To serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,*
- *To keep the commandments of the LORD, and*
- *To keep his statutes,*
which I command thee this day for thy good?

(Micah 6:8) *He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but*
- to do justly, and
- to love mercy, and
- to walk humbly with thy God?

Jesus Reiterates the OT Responsibilities as NT

Commands for Obedience: (John 14:6-17)

(Vs 6-7) Jesus is the *Way* we are to know the Father.

(Vs 8-12) What Works?

(Lk 19:10) He is still seeking through us.

(vs 13-14) Jesus will answer our prayers b/c of our obedience.

(Vs 15-17) We are to display our love for Him through Obedience (greatest form of worship).

We are to Deny Ourselves: (Lk 9:23-26)

Vs 23 – *Come after me*

Deny Ourselves - A Choice we make

Take up the Cross - An Action we do

Follow Me - A Habit we form

Vs 24 – *Lose his life for my sake* - A Value we set

Humble Ourselves: (1Pet 5:5) *clothed in humility*

(James 4:5-6,10) *Humble Ourselves* - We choose

(2 Chron 7:14) *IF/THEN*

Submit Ourselves: (James 4:7-9)

(Vs 7) *Submit to God*

(Vs 8) *Draw Nigh – Resist the devil*
(Vs 9) *Afflicted, mourn, weep*

Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and (remember) your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. (Ezek 36:31

This loathing, is caused by God's conviction of our sin, pressed upon us by revelation, followed by faith in Jesus Christ, which is a full trust in His redeeming work.

Judge Ourselves: (1 Cor 11:31-32)

Examine Ourselves: (1Co 11:28) Take Inventory

Keep Ourselves:

(Jude 21) *To Tend, to feed, to maintain,*

Keep Pure (1 Tim 5:22)

Keep unspotted from the World – (James 1:27)
(Influences)

Keep from Idols (1 Jn 5:21)
(Guard against Covetousness)

Commit Ourselves to Obedience:

Foundational Five:

Read, Pray, Tithe, Witness, Church Attendance

Tithe: Recognize God as our source for provision.

What the Pastor Wants: *Would it surprise you to know that I have desires for our relationship.*

A. I want you to know my Heart:

I love you! (Phil 1:3) *I thank my God upon every remembrance of you*

I want what's best for you! (1 This 5:12-13)
Pastor vs Preacher

I want You to know your heart!
My Passions, Drives, Desires, Loves

I want to know Your heart!
Your Passions, Drives, Desires, Loves

B. I want you to know my Hopes: Dreams

My hopes for you.

My hopes for your family.

My hopes for the church.

I want to know your hopes.

I want to help you realize them.

C. I want you to know my Hurts:

What hurts me.

What helps me.

What hinders me.

I am not perfect.

I am not Superman.

I want to know your hurts, & be a help to you.

(Gal 6:2) Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

I want you to know what..

Distracts me:

Distresses me:

Discouragements me:

*Don't bring me problems before I preach.
Unless it is Immediately Life Threatening.*

*Don't leave during the services or the invitations, it
distracts from the moving of the Holy Spirit.*

D. I want to serve you by serving with you.

I want you to TAKE OWNERSHIP.

I want you to See it as YOUR Church -

Spilled? – Wipe it up

Dirty? – Clean it up

Full? – Empty it.

Empty? – Fill it.

I want you to See it as YOUR Sunday Attendance –

Who did I encourage this week to be faithful?

Who did I call/Visit/ Write a note to?

I want you to See it as YOUR Altar Results

Who did I walk down the aisle?

Who did I encourage to join?

I want you to See it as your ministry.

How many did I have in class today?

How many visitors did I have? Why?

How many did I present the gospel too?

Am I reaching through my students to their families and friends?

Why Not?

What can I do to accomplish this?

It's not my church, it's our church.

It's not the older Christians Church.

It's our church.

Expectations are a part of the Human Experience.
Unspoken Expectations are Unrealistic Expectations.
By sharing them, we can re-align our expectations to reality.

Unfulfilled Expectations are the main reason why relationships fall apart.

What are we doing to meet expectations of God, & each/other?

What is Our Responsibility as a Church Member?