



*"Membership"*  
Church Alignment Series  
February 17, 2019

*"Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27*

1. What biblical membership is not:
  - a. It's not about receiving REWARDS. Mark 10:21
  - b. It's not about a special STATUS. Matthew 20:26-27
  - c. It's not about pampering PRIVILEGES. Acts 20:35

Biblical membership is being a:

1 Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 2:19, Ephesians 5:30

2. FUNCTIONING Member

1 Corinthians 12:12, 27

- a. Members GIVE abundantly.
  - i. TIME Ephesians 5:16
  - ii. TALENT Matthew 25:14-30
  - iii. TREASURE 2 Corinthians 9:6
- b. Members SERVE without hesitation.  
Mark 10:45

3. UNIFYING Member

John 13:35

- a. LOVE richly. Ephesians 4:1-3
- b. GUARD your mouth. Romans 1:29-31, Psalm 141:3
- c. ADDRESS a divisive person. Titus 3:10

4. SELFLESS Member

Philippians 2:3-4, Mark 9:35, Philippians 2:7-8

- a. We need to possess the NATURE of Christ. Luke 14:11
- b. We need to possess the FOCUS of Christ.  
Philippians 2:8

5. PRAYING Member

Acts 1:14, 4:24-31, 12:5

- a. Pray for other MEMBERS. James 5:16
- b. Pray for our LEADERS. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Summary Point:

- Unbiblical membership is about US, but biblical membership is about HIM.

Today's Call to Action:

- Study the Scriptures, ask questions and continue to pray for this transition. Official members will vote on this recommended amendment at our upcoming business meeting on Sunday, March 3.

What is the Holy Spirit prompting me to do?

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