

Responsibilities as a Member of the Local Church

Membership in a Local Church Implies

◆ *Saint* 1Co 1:2

- Ep 5:3f Live "as is proper among saints"
- 1Co 5 Those who do NOT

◆ *Working together, fellowship, teamwork* Php 1:27

Humility to serve others Php 2:3...8

Serving OTHERS ("one another")

Rom 12:9...21 genuine love - "evil/good"
— **"one another"** vv 5,10,13,16

- Serve ("one another" v5) vv 3-8
- Devotion of "brotherly love" v10
- Maintain fervency vv 11,12
- Gracious "fellowship" in needs v13,14
- Rejoice/weep vv15,16
- Reaction to others vv17-20

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- *Encourage* one another *Heb 3:12; 10:24-25*
- *Comfort* one another *1Th 4:18*
- *Restore* one another *Gal 6:1-2*
- *Speak truth to and about* one ano. *Eph 4:25*
- *Respect* one another's *conscience* *1Co 8:7-9*
- *Greet* one another *Rom 16:16*
- *Sing to* one another *Col 3:16*
- *ETC...*

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Demands...

- ◆ Time
- ◆ Talent
- ◆ Money

If every member invested same time ... worked as hard ... contributed as liberally ... as I do, what would happen to the local church??

Responsibilities to Elders

- ◆ Respect, Cooperate 1Th 5:12,13; Heb 13:17
- ◆ Reprove 1Tim 5:19,20 (1Tim 5:1)
- ◆ Support 1Tim 5:17,18

Suggestion to those who take their responsibilities lightly ...

- *headache...stay home ...*
- *don't call in ...*
- *make you mad ... slander ... stay home ...*
- *when return ... show displeasure ...*
- *sick ... none of their business ...*
- *no special meetings ... other things to do ...*
- *company ... stay home that day ...*
- *do as little as possibly to keep job ...*
- *do not volunteer for extra work ...*
- *gripe, criticize, complain to and about fellow employees*

Then, after you have been fired for your attitude and conduct, if you have any common sense, think about how God regards similar conduct in a local church!