

Responsibilities Within A Local Church

Acts 9:26-30

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Local Churches

Romans 16:16 (Note: 1 Corinthians 4:17)

- Antioch (**Acts 13:1**)
- Corinth (**1 Corinthians 1:2**)
- Cenchrae (**Romans 16:1**)
- Philippi (**Philippians 1:1**)
- Ephesus (**Revelation 2:1**)
- Smyrna (**Revelation 2:8**)
- Pergamos (**Revelation 2:12**)
- Thyatira (**Revelation 2:18**)
- Sardis (**Revelation 3:1**)
- Philadelphia (**Revelation 3:7**)
- Laodicea (**Revelation 3:14**)
- Thessalonica (**1 Thessalonians 1:1**)
- Crete (**Titus 1:5**)
- Iconium (**Acts 14:23**)
- Derbe (**Acts 14:23**)
- Lystra (**Acts 14:23**)

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Membership

Membership Is Necessary

- Without it – No local congregation.
- For elders to have oversight. (**Acts 20:28**)
- To carry out discipline. (**1 Corinthians 5**)

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Local Church Membership

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• Examples:

- Paul (**Acts 9:26-28**)
- Apollos (**Acts 18:27**)
- Phebe (**Romans 16:1-2**)
- Onesimus and Epaphras (**Colossians 4:9, 12**)

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I. Attendance

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Attendance

- Not to forsake (**Hebrews 10:25; John 4:24; cf. Psalms 122:1**)
- Context: Persecution
- Presence encourages (**Hebrews 10:24f**)
- “Of yourselves” – Local assembly
- If one regularly miss – then all could

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- II. Contribution

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Contribution

- It is an order. (**1 Corinthians 16:1-2**)
- It is an act of worship. (**Acts 2:42**)
- How a local church functions.
 - Elders, deacons, saints.
 - Work and worship.
- Withhold contribution – disagree.

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- III. Consider One Another

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Consider One Another

- **Hebrews 10:24** –
- Means: think about, regard, thoughtful, look at closely, turn over in mind, observe fully.
- Reason: To promote love and good works!

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Consider One Another

- Wear other's shoes for while
 - **Matthew 7:12**
 - **Philippians 2:4**
- Try to understand
 - Give benefit of doubt. (**1 Corinthians 13:7**)
 - Differences in people.

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- IV. Work Toward Peace / Unity

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Romans 14:19, "So then let us follow after things which make for peace, and things whereby we may edify one another."

1 Corinthians 14:26, "What is it then, brethren? When ye come together, each one hath a psalm, hath a teaching, hath a revelation, hath a tongue, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying."

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Work Toward Peace / Unity

Learn to work together. (1 Corinthians 12)

- Maintain Harmonious Relationships. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-14)
Know them that labor ... esteem them highly in love ... be at peace ... warn the unruly ... comfort the faint-hearted ... support the weak ... be patient.
- Pray for the saints. (James 5:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

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Work Toward Peace / Unity

- Communicate. **Matthew 18:15; Matthew 5:23**
 - Essential to any relationship.
 - Solve problems by communication.
- Forbear. **Colossians 3:13** ["to hold up"]
- Not be stubborn / self-willed.
 - **Matthew 7:12; Titus 1:7; 3 John**
 - Not refuse to yield, listen, or work things out
- Gentle, easy to be entreated. (**2 Timothy 2:24; James 3:17**)

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- V. Be Kind / Friendly

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Be Kind and Friendly

- Command (**Ephesians 4:32**)
- Part of love (**1 Corinthians 13:4**)
- **Proverbs 18:24**, "He that maketh many friends (doeth it) to his own destruction; But there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."
- Greet one another (**Romans 16:16; 2 Corinthians 13:12; Acts 20:37**)
- In what say to & about others (**Colossians 4:6**)

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"ONE ANOTHER" PASSAGES

- "In love of the brethren, be tenderly affectioned to one another, *in honor preferring one another*" (Romans 12:10)
– **AFFECTIONATE**
- "Wherefore *receive ye one another*, even as Christ also received you, to the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)
– **RECEIVING**

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"ONE ANOTHER" PASSAGES

• "For ye, brethren, were called for freedom; only (use) not your freedom for an occasion to the flesh, but **through love be servants one to another.**" (**Galatians 5:13**)

– **SERVING**

• "**Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.**" (**Galatians 6:2**)

– **BEARING**

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FELLOWSHIP DESTROYED

• "But **if you bite and devour one another, take heed that you be not consumed one of another!**" (**Galatians 5:15**)

- BACK BITING
- GOSSIP
- SLANDER
- CONTENTIONS
- JEALOUSIES

Matthew 12:25, But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

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