

Relationship Matters - 4

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Your closest and most meaningful relationships are in your church family.

"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." Ephesians 2:19 NKJV

"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free — and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many.

But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased."

2 Corinthians 12:12-14, 18 NKJV

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25 NKJV

Belonging to a local church is essential for spiritual growth.

1. MAKE THE DECISION TO COMMIT TO CHRIST AND YOUR CHURCH FAMILY – BECOME A MEMBER.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded." James 4:8 NKJV

"Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." Psalms 37:5 NKJV

2. SAFEGUARD THE UNITY OF YOUR CHURCH FAMILY.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23 NKJV

"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing." 1 Peter 3:8-9 NKJV

3. SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF YOUR CHURCH FAMILY.

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 NIV

"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.'" Luke 14:23 NIV

4. SERVE THE MINISTRY OF YOUR CHURCH FAMILY.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

5. SUPPORT THE MISSION OF YOUR CHURCH FAMILY.

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." Philippians 1:27a NIV