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Class #4

Be Planted In The Church



**“Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.”
(Psalms 92:13)**

A. The pattern of the New Testament Church. (Psalms 68:6; Prov. 27:8; Eccl. 10:4; John 14:2,3; Acts 2:4; 11:22-26; 20:28; 1 Cor. 12:18-27; Eph. 4:11,12)

1. To be _____ to the Church. (Acts 2:41,47)
 - a. The Greek word for “added” is “prostithemi”, which means “to place, to lay beside, to increase, to proceed further.”
2. To be _____ in the body. (1 Cor. 12:18)
 - a. The Greek word for “set” is “tithemi”, which means “to place, to appoint, to commit, to lay, to ordain, to purpose, to put, to settle, to sink down.”
3. God wants you to follow His lead as He places you in the Body of Christ (the church). His desire for you is to be a strong, committed, long-term member of the family of God.

B. You must accept God’s placement in the Body of Christ as He directs.

1. God sets _____ in the body as it pleases HIM (Not Us). (1 Cor. 12:11,18)
2. You are to think soberly of yourself. Recognize your limitations, recognize your placement, recognize your measure of grace. (Rom. 12:3,4)

C. Your responsibility as a member of the local Church:

1. _____ for other members. (1 Cor. 12:25)
2. _____ other members. (Gal. 6:1,2)
3. _____ other members. (Heb. 3:13; 10:24,25)
4. Supply _____ and _____ to other members. (2 Cor. 8:14; Phil. 2:30)
5. Obey and submit to the _____ of the body. (Heb. 13:7,17; 1 Pet. 5:5)

D. According to God, what should your attitude be about the Church?

1. You are glad to go to God’s house. (Psalms 122:1)
2. You would rather be a doorkeeper in God’s house than be someone important apart from God. (Psalms 84:10)
3. You desire to dwell in God’s house forever. (Psalms 23:6)
4. You desire to be involved with other believers, growing in the things of God and having fellowship with one another. (Acts 2:41,42)

E. How do you know which Church “home” is your home? Here are some things to look for:

1. Practical Bible teaching that can be applied to your everyday life. (Acts 17:10,11)
2. Growth that is taking place because people are being helped. (Jer. 23:3,4)
3. Praise and worship to God that is fresh and exciting. (Psalm 150)
4. A challenge to continually grow and change in God. (Rom. 12:2)
5. Financial support of people who are taking the gospel to other parts of the world. (Mark 16:15)
6. Training classes and support groups are provided so the needs of the people can be met. (Rom. 12:2)
7. The lost are being brought in and saved. (Acts 2:41,42)
8. People not filled with the Holy Spirit are BEING filled. (Acts 10:44-46)
9. The sick are prayed for to be healed. (1 Pet. 2:24)
10. The works of Jesus are being done. (John 14:11,12)

F. A key to growing in God:

1. You must be planted, watered, and given good food to grow. However, the amount of time, energy, love and commitment you invest in the Word of God is exactly what you will receive back. You can invest one hour weekly, two hours, five hours, or ten hours. Whatever you choose to invest will have a direct influence on how much you “flourish” in God.

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. (Gal. 6:7-9)