

### La Génération des Vainqueurs Ministry Church

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." – Romans 8:37

### "How To Be A Church Member"

**Introduction:** The Title Christian appears only three times in the scriptures and implies a number of things. First, it implies that a person who is a Christian is one who is a follower of Jesus Christ (Acts 11:26). Second, it implies that those who are Christians will be witnesses to the world (Acts 26:28). Third, it implies that those who are truly Christians will likely suffer persecution (1 Peter 4:16).

In Acts 2:41-47; 4:32-34 We See A Beautiful Picture Of Christianity In Action. Churches Are Made Up of People. By definition a church is a visible assembly of called out believers who have been baptized and who agreed to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ.

Every true christian ought to be a member of a Local Church. There has been much damage done to the name of Jesus Christ because of unfaithfulness and ignorance of many Christians concerning the expectations of the Lord and their responsibilities to their fellow Christians.

No Church member is perfect and is not likely to behave totally victorious all the time, yet there is much in the Bible that we should consider that will help us live more pleasingly to God (2 Peter 1:12-13; 3:1-3; 1Tim. 4:6). I would like to share with you some goals and characteristics of an Ideal Church Member.

### I. CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD BE SAVED & SURE OF IT (John 1:11-13; Eph 2:8,9; 1 John 5:13).

The biggest problem with Christianity today is the fact that churches all over America are filled with unregenerate church members. Paul challenged the church of Corinth: 2 Cor 13:5 "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you —unless, of course, you fail the test?"

# II. CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD BE BAPTIZED BIBLICALLY (Matthew 28:18-21).

Baptism Is A Picture Of Christ Death, Burial & Resurrection (Identification).

Baptism Is A Picture Of The New Birth (New Creation).

Baptism Is The First Step Of Obedience In The Christian Life (Submission).

Three Things Are Necessary For Scriptural Baptism.

- 1. Proper Candidate
- 2. Proper Mode.
- 3. Proper Authority.

## III. CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD ATTEND THEIR CHURCH FAITHFULLY (Acts 14:27; Heb 10:25).

### IV. CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD BE COOPERATIVE (Acts 2:46; 4:32).

We Are To Exhort, Build-Up And Encourage One Another (1 Thess. 4:1; 5:12-22). Heb 3:13 exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

We Should Never Be Guilty Of Causing Dissension Within God's Church (2 Thess 3:11-15).

#### V. CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD BE CONSISTENT (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

One Of The Most Difficult Problems A Church Faces Is A Testimony Damaged By The Inconsistent Living Of Careless Church Members.

We Should Be Careful About Our - Associations, Activities, Music, Language, and Appearance.

#### VI. CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD BE STUDENT OF THE BIBLE (2 Timothy 2:15).

### VII. CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER (Luke 18:1).

Praying for souls, unity, missionaries, pastor, deacons, Sunday school teachers, etc.

VIII. CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD BE GIVER, PAYING TITHE AND OFFERINGS (Malachi 3:7-11).

IX. CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD BE SPIRIT FILLED AND SOUL WINNER (Acts 1:8; Eph.5:18; Gal. 5:22-25).

#### X. CHURCH MEMBER SHOULD BE COMMITTED (1 Cor 15:58).

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.