

# Responsibility To A Local Church

- Ephesians 4:1-16 -

- A. We need to think like God does about the church (**Eph 5:27, 4:3, 32; 1:4**)...
- B. Behind an ideal church are people who are responsible to do their work together, not in isolation...

## 1. What Are Your \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. Is it necessary? Optional? Valuable? Helpful? Note what Jesus said in \_\_\_\_\_ Is that your attitude?
- B. Look at **Heb 10:24,25**... The exhortation to assemble is similar to the exhortation of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- C. There is not a "thou shalt", but the conclusion is clear.
- D. When you understand the church has work to do, how is that work done when there is no **attendance** to it...
- E. Worship was the desire of Christians in **Acts 2:42-45**...

## 2. What Are the \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- a. **Distance**
  - b. **Company**
  - c. **Work**
  - d. **Sickness**
  - e. **Not Assigned Anything**
  - f. **Hurt Feelings**
  - g. **I Get Nothing Out Of It**
- A. It is a concern when... (1) Brethren sporadically attend and easily miss worship... (2) Christians who attend as if it is a 'legal requirement' and resent additional services or classes .
  - B. Worshipping God is a matter of priority, honor, choice, and command for Christians in which we should not be hindered..

## 3. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ **Jn 4:22-24**... God *seeks* worshippers not to find out what they want but to accept the responsibility to worship Him in truth and spirit...
- B. Worship is pleasing God, not man (**Matt 6:1-18; 23:5-7**), and example of love (**Jn 15:14; 1 Jn 5:3**), and a way to show glory and gratitude (**Heb 13:15; Ps 100:4**)...
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ (**Acts 2:42,44,46; Heb 10:24,25**)...
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ (**Phil 1:9,10; Heb 10:25; Matt 6:33**)...
- E. Worship on earth is a faint comparison to being before the throne in heaven ( **Rev 5:9-13**)...