

Your Participation in Your Church

Your prayers for your church:

- Feature *gratitude* in your prayers for your church and its members.
 - What special graces and blessings has God given your church?
 - How do those bear fruit now and in the past?
- Make your *requests* for your church more about God's purposes than your complaints.
 - What hope do you have for your church?
 - How are your frustrations related to those hopes?

Your contributions to your church:

- Learn and practice the mutual commands ("one another's") of The New Testament.
 - Which of these are your strengths and weaknesses?
 - For each command, who do you see doing it well?
 - Where and when can you follow these commands for others' good?
- Discern and exercise your gifts and personal ministry strengths.
 - Where are opportunities to offer yourself, whether in an existing program or not?
 - Which church leader(s) can you describe and offer your gifts to?
- Consider your church a primary arena of your generosity.
 - What do you have to give others (time, talent, and treasure)?
 - How much can you responsibly give to and through your church?
- Attend most meetings of your church with some idea of how you'll offer yourself to others.
 - Who are you looking for in particular?
 - What has God given you recently that someone else might need?

The people in your church:

- Make your church relationships a higher priority, even when other believers require less effort.
 - Who are the church members you interact with at least monthly outside of Sundays?
 - Which of these draw from you, contribute to you, or mutually benefit you both?
- Extend the godly relational habits you learn in your church to include others.
 - Who are the other believers you see regularly in other arenas of life (work, neighborhood, etc.)?
 - How can you deepen the common bond you have with these other believers?
 - How can you, individually and with others from your church, offer this kind of relationship to those who don't yet know Christ?