

7 Biblical Commitments Needed for a Healthy Church

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Jesus' Commitment to the Church

- Matthew 16:13-19
- Key Verse 18
- The Church was built THOUGH Jesus' disciples, but the Church is built ON Jesus!
- Verse 19 - Jesus promised to give the KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN to His followers so that they could get the job done!

Believers' Commitment to the Church

- We must know what spiritual family God has chosen for us.

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1. Committed to the Assembling of the Saints - Heb. 10:25
 - The habit of "forsaking the assembling of the saints" reveals a condition of the heart.
 - Make sure you aren't putting other things before God.
2. Devoted to Fellowship
 - Acts 2:42 Koinonia - mutual participation
 - Community is the lifestyle of God's Kingdom.
 - Attending meetings is not the same as fellowship.
 - Acts 2
3. Doers and not Merely Hearers
 - James 1:22
 - The early church was continually devoting itself to apostle's teaching.
 - Devoted means "to adhere to, persist in, attach oneself to, be busily engaged in, hold fast to, be steadily attentive, & to give unremitting care to a thing."
4. Servant-hood: A Way of Life
 - Serving is more than a project. It's a lifestyle. It's giving up the "right" to non-involvement.
 - The Church shouldn't have inactive members.
5. Financial Support - 1 Tim. 6:6-11
 - Malachi 3:8-12
 - God calls us to align our financial priorities with His.
 - 2 Tim. 5:17-18
 - Gal. 6:6
 - Romans 12:
6. Biblical Oversight and Accountability - 1 Peter 5:1-4
 - FOC is governed by a team of Elders.
 - Every believer needs pastoral oversight in his or her life.
 - 1 Thes. 5:12
 - Biblical submission to God's authority in the Church is a normal part of God's provision for our success.

- Heb. 13:17
- 7. Covenant Faithfulness
 - Being part of a church means committing yourself to deal with conflicts redemptively.
 - Unresolved, personal conflicts are unacceptable to God.
 - Loyalty to one another in times of testing is an essential ingredient for the health of the whole community.
- Why do we need to lean into being a people of commitment?
- Because God hates divisiveness.
- The “easy come, easy go”, “do what you what to do” philosophy of the world must have no place in the body of Christ.

Communion

- 1 Corinthians 11:22-29
- As believers , we must recognize the body of the Lord ourselves, and be joined to her.