

# Serve @Full Capacity

## Our Responsibility as Christians

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### I. Surrender to the Head of the Church

*“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.”* (Colossians 2:6-7)

*“...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”* (Romans 10:9)

That’s what God wants this church to be. A well-trained, finely-tuned, disciplined, “work of art,” because each “member” has surrendered to the Head, and, over time, has learned to immediately respond to His direction.

### II. Sustain the Unity of the Church

*“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”*  
(Ephesians 4:1-3)

*“Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.”* (James 3:13-16)

*“For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down.”*  
(Proverbs 26:20)

What is the cause of division? ***Gossip, Jealousy, Selfishness, Pride, Envy, Greed***

How do we “sustain” or preserve unity?

*“Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.”* (Colossians 3:14)  
***Humility, Gentleness, Patience, Forbearance, Love***

### III. Share in the Responsibilities of the Church

*“...from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:16)*

**A. Relational Responsibilities**

We are to *“love”* one another, *“exhort,” “encourage,” “serve,” “pray for,” “show mercy”*

**B. Physical Responsibilities**

**C. Financial Responsibilities**

**IV. Serve in the Ministries of the Church**

*“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10)*

What need are you meeting? Whose feet are you washing? Whose hurt are you healing?

**V. Submit to the Leaders of the Church**

*“Obey your leaders, and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account...” (Hebrews 13:17a)*

Christ is Lord and we are all His servants, so don't allow anyone to take His place in your life.

*“But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.” (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)*