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Salt & Light

“Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near” (Hebrews 10:23-25, NLT).

Years ago, I put together an acrostic to represent what a church should be able to expect from its individual members. The outline still holds true and might prove helpful in allowing us to evaluate our own level of membership.

M—eet with God daily. There is no substitute for building your relationship with God each day. You’re either growing or slowing. I use a “One Year Bible” to hear from God, a journal to record my JOURNEY, and my ring of prayer beads to guide my discussion with God. If you practice worship throughout the week, then you won’t have to pretend on Sunday.

E—xpress worship weekly. God desires passionate and honest worshippers. Don’t neglect meeting together as some do. Come expecting a miracle and put your whole heart into worship.

M—inister diligently. Every moment of every day is a new opportunity to impact a life in Jesus’ name. The little things matter. Let’s keep our eyes and our hearts open, ready to join God in his ministry of CARE.

B—ring offerings consistently. An offering is anything of value that you sacrifice for God. We can certainly give financially, but we can also give relationships, problems, sins, addictions, time, and even rights. Try to give something away every day.

E—quip himself fully. To equip is to prepare for whatever might lie before us. Each day I pray the acrostic GROW into my life. I want to grow in Godliness, Resources, Obedience, and Wisdom. We should be constantly learning and improving. Also, we have many great classes at Cornerstone that promote spiritual growth.

R—each out faithfully. We reach out by investing in lives. Build into the lives of the unchurched and you will earn the right to invite them into a spiritual journey. Our church can double overnight if each of us would just bring one person with us. What does your spiritual genealogy look like? Do you have any spiritual offspring?

S—acrifice lovingly. It’s not about what we get—it’s about what we give! Make sure that you’re investing more than your consuming.

So, how are you doing? Are you a seven-point member or something less? Why not make a commitment right now to improve the areas in which you may be lacking?

Equipping the Saints!

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