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THE MODEL CHURCH

Eph. 5: ~~25-27~~ 25-27, 32.

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Word "Model" not in N.T. "Pattern something made."

Word "Church" in Col. 1:18. Pattern of the Body of C.

INT: Many, many congregations, one pattern. All conform.

Our goal to duplicate the N. T. model church.

as one body.

I. FIRST CHARACTERISTIC: A STUDYING CONGREGATION.

- A. Teaching—II Tim. 2:15. Don't, then not approved, etc
- B. This church: 18 opportunities men, 20 women & Y.F.
- C. Why study? Can you grow without eating? Heb. 5:12.
- D. Model in Berean church. Acts 17:10-11.

MONTH →
STUDY

II. SECOND CHARACTERISTIC: A PRAYING CHURCH.

as one body

- A. Prayer appropriate. I Tim. 2:8. Three conditions.
- B. Value in praying.
 - 1. Psychological. Matt. 21:22.
 - a. Positive attitude essential to its answer.
 - b. Personal effort extended to make it come true
 - 2. Providential. James 1:5-7.
 - a. Sometimes a divine operation by natural means
 - b. Often an invisible miracle from Hand of God.
- C. Model in Jerusalem church. Acts 12:1-12.

PRAY

III. THIRD CHARACTERISTIC: A FAITHFUL CHURCH.

as one Body.

- A. Divine charge to Timothy. II Tim. 4:1-2.
 - 1. An audience necessary for him to comply.
- B. Charge to Christians. Heb. 10:24-27.
 - 1. God provides the audience.
- C. Necessary to have a good record. Rom. 1:8 - Jas. 2:18
- D. Model in Philippian church. Phil. 2:12.

BE
FAITHFUL

IV. FOURTH CHARACTERISTIC: A GIVING CHURCH. I Cor. 16:2.

as one Body

- A. Giving an equal to prayer, study, attendance.
- B. Suppose I don't give properly?
 - 1. Rob God. Malachi 3:8.
 - 2. Incur God's wrath. Acts 5.
- C. What's left denotes your love. Mk. 12:42. Trust too
- D. Model in Macedonian churches. II Cor. 8:1-5.
 - 1. Rich in liberality in spite of poverty. 8:2.
 - 2. Gave beyond requirements. 8:3.
 - 3. Begged for fellowship in aiding cause. 8:4.
 - 4. Gave correctly. Themselves first. 8:5 B-R-C-B.

SHARE

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God expects every man - Woman - become

INV. In becoming a Christian, member of Church: *Christian.*

1. Must give self first. Matt. 16:24.
2. Continue to give time to study-prayer.
3. But, receive: remission of sins, new start, chance at Heaven. Certainly worth the try.

Err. Chr. lived model life awhile, but followed Devil off into sin. Christ calls you back.

*mother + children
the same.*

all different.

Body

MEMBERS

all alike



Demarcations

