

MY RESPONSIBILITY TO THE CHURCH
EPHESIANS 5:25-27

Introduction:

- A. Two weeks ago we talked about _____.
 - 1. Each person has an individual responsibility to God and will be held _____ on the day of Judgment. Romans 14:12
 - 2. Salvation is primarily is a personal or individual matter. Philippians 2:12
 - 3. Each person must decide for themselves whether they will _____ or _____ God's plan of salvation and gain the forgiveness that is found only in Christ.
 - 4. IT IS YOUR DECISION!
- B. Today we want to talk about "Our Responsibility To The _____."
 - 1. Christ _____ the church and gave Himself for it. Ephesians 5:25
 - 2. He purchased the church with His own _____. Acts 20:28
 - 3. In I Timothy 3:15 we are told that the church is the pillar and ground (support) of the _____.
 - 4. If Christ attaches this much importance to the church then surely we ought to be concerned about our responsibility to it.
- I. The Church Can Be No Stronger Than The _____ Who Make It Up.
 - A. _____ and _____, as Christians, are the church.
 - 1. I Corinthians 12:20, 27
 - 2. The church and the body of Christ are the same.
 - B. If the church is weak and ineffective it is because most of its members are weak and not fulfilling their responsibility to the _____.
 - C. If the church is strong and effective it is because you and I (as _____) are accepting our responsibility in the service of the Lord.
 - D. The church can remain strong as long as it remains _____.
 - 1. Christ wants a _____ church. Ephesians 5:26-27
 - 2. For the church to remain pure its _____ must remain pure. I Timothy 5:22; James 1:27

II. What Is Our Responsibility To the Church?

A. We owe the church our _____, _____, _____.

1. These three cannot be separated.
2. I must give _____ of my money for the support of the Lord's work. II Corinthians 9:6-7
3. _____ alone will not get the work of the church done.
4. To carry out the Lord's work, I must be ready to use my
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
5. My _____ is needed during the worship service.

B. Each member owes the church an example in

- _____.
1. Living a Christian life is not something we just talk about, it is how we are _____ to _____. Titus 2:11-12
 2. How can we, who are Christians, compel others to become a Christian when we don't _____ like a Christian?
 3. When any Christian is dishonest, immoral, or living in any sinful state, he is not only putting his own soul in jeopardy, but he is also bring _____ upon the church.
 4. In the Book of Revelation, the church is referred to as a _____ or a _____ upholding the light of Christ to a lost sinful world.
 - a. Unless the world is able to see the light of Christ in us they will have no respect for the church and pay no attention to what we preach and teach. b. Matthew 5:14-16
 5. The church must remain _____; You must remain _____. This is done by:
 - a. _____
Romans 12:9; I Thessalonians 5:22; Colossians 3:5
 - b. _____
I Thessalonians 1:9; Ephesians 4:22-24

C. Let's start thinking of the church as " _____ " instead of " _____."

1. We are all members of the body of Christ.
2. When we start thinking in terms of "we" and "us" the local church is going to be more _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.
3. Whatever else it needs more of it is up to _____ to make it happen.

