

## HOW TO BE A GOOD CHURCH MEMBER

*1 Thessalonians 1.1-10*

Paul had been wondering how the new church of Jesus-followers that he had founded in Thessalonica had been getting along. Were they still meeting for worship? Had they kept their abandonment of idol worship? Were they coming together as a community of faith and serving and encouraging one another? He received back a report that their faith had deepened and become known all around the region. What were they doing that resulted in the best possible news for Paul?

### 5 MARKS OF A GOOD CHURCH MEMBER

1. Their faith is not an **ADD-ON** but their **VOCATION**.  
*...your work produced by faith... v3*
  
2. They work hard at **LOVING OTHER PEOPLE** .  
*...your labor prompted by love... v3*
  
3. They **ACT DIFFERENTLY** than the rest of the world.  
*They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God... v9*
  
4. They **REMAIN FAITHFUL** in hard times.  
*...for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering v6*
  
5. They are **RELAXED** .  
*...your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ v3*  
*... and to wait for his Son from heaven v10*

### How can you become a good church member? Follow the Thessalonians!

1. Relish that you are **LOVED** and **CHOSEN** by God. V4
  
2. Holy Spirit **POWER!** Foster a **RELATIONSHIP** with Jesus Christ. V5, 6
  
3. Live like a **BETTER FUTURE** awaits you. v10

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?