



I'm a Member, Now What? Your Church Matters

- The Church you choose to attend says a lot about who you are and where you are going. The decision to choose a church is one of the greatest decisions you will make in life.
- We must understand that every place carrying the title of a church is not of God.
- There are certain attributes we need to look for in choosing a church.

I. Types Of Churches You Should **Attend**:

- A Church that is **Christ Centered**. Acts 17:28
- A Church that is **Biblically based**. 2 Timothy 3:16
- A Church that is not so focused on the **inside** that it neglects the **outside**.
Mark 16:15

II. Why Is It Important To **Unite** With A Church?

Heb 10:25

- You are not an **island**. God never intended for people to be **loners**.
Genesis 2:18
- Uniting with a Church brings **covering** to your life.
- There is always unity in **community**. Psalms 131:1

Uniting with a Church can be the **deciding factor** in the success of your life, because it has the power to lead you to your **purpose**.

III. Reasons For **Transitioning** From A Church

Church hopping is can be a sign that there is a problem with the hopper, not the Church.

It is never right to leave a Church in anger, because when we do this we, allow our emotions to make the **decision** for us.

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IV. Some **Negative** Reasons Why People Leave Churches Are:

- A. They can't have their own **way**.
- B. They came with an **agenda** which was never met.
- C. They made a connection with their **flesh** and not their **Spirit**.

V. There Are A Few Instances When Leaving Can Be **Beneficial** Acts 15:36-41

- A. Sometimes to **grow** means to **go** = allowing God to move us to a place where we can grow **spiritually**.
- B. People can transition because a season has changed. However we must never mistake a change in **emotion** for a change in **season**.
- C. Another element is God leading you to another place. Sometimes your new **level** is connected to a new **place**.

Notice in Verse 41 says they continued to encourage the church. This means even though they were separated from each other, they were together in their assignment.

If your transition is of **God**, your assignment will be **fulfilled**.