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## MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

The Expectations of Membership are in no way intended as an addition to the biblical obligations of a believer. Rather, this document functions primarily as an accessible yet non-exhaustive explanation of what the Scriptures teach about the obedience that faith produces.

**As a member of Our Father's House, I am expected...**

- **To align with and affirm the Statement of Faith of Our Father's House**
- **To submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final voice on any and all issues** (Ps. 119; 2 Tim. 3:14–17; 2 Pet. 1:19–21).
- **To pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines** (Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Cor. 9:24–27; Eph. 5:1–21; 1 Thess. 5:12–22).
- **By regularly remembering and celebrating the person and work of Christ through communion** (1 Cor. 11:23–26).
- **To regularly participate in the life of Our Father's House by attending weekly services, engaging in gospel-centered community, and serving those within and outside of this church** (Acts 2:42–47; Heb. 10:23–25; Titus 3:14).
- **To steward the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances. This includes regular financial giving, service, and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary** (Matt. 25:14–30; Rom. 12:1–2; 2 Cor. 8–9; 1 Pet. 4:10–11).
- **To walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ by God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit** (1 Pet. 1:13–16, 4:1–3).
- **To refrain from such activities that the Scriptures would deem foolish** (Rom. 14:14–23).

- **To take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially actions or situations that could present a stumbling block to another** (1 Cor. 8:1–13).
- **To submit to the discipline of God through His Holy Spirit by:**
  - following the biblical procedures for church discipline where sin is evident in another—the hope of such discipline being repentance and restoration.
  - receiving righteous and loving discipline when approached biblically by fellow believers (Ps. 141:5; Matt. 18:15–20; 1 Cor. 5:9–13; Heb. 12:5–11).
- **To do the following when I sin:**
  - confess my sin to God and to fellow believers.
  - repent and seek help to put my sin to death (Rom. 8:13; Col. 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6–10).
- **To submit to the elders and other appointed leaders of the church and diligently strive for unity and peace within the church** (Eph. 4:1–3; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:5).
- **To do the following should I leave the church for righteous reasons:**
  - to notify the pastor or one of the elders of Our Father’s House.
  - to seek another church with which I can carry out my biblical responsibilities as a believer.f