

# Marks of a Faithful Church Member, by Joel R. Beeke

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## Ephesians 4:11-16

And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ -- <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

### I. Mark One: Receiving Christ's W\_\_\_\_\_

- A. P\_\_\_\_\_ Dimension: We personally h\_\_\_\_\_ for the Word (1 Peter 2.2).
  
- B. P\_\_\_\_\_ Dimension: We practice faithful a\_\_\_\_\_ upon the Word (Heb. 10.25).
  
- C. P\_\_\_\_\_ Dimension: We actively l\_\_\_\_\_ to the Word (Luke 8.15).

### II. Mark Two: U\_\_\_\_\_ with Christ's Person

- A. Private Dimension: We personally t\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (Colossians 2.6-7).
  
- B. Public Dimension: We make diligent use of the s\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 6.1-4; Luke 22.19).
  
- C. Practical Dimension: We exercise practical o\_\_\_\_\_ to Christ (John 14.15).

### III. Mark Three: Connected to Christ's P\_\_\_\_\_

- A. Private Dimension: We are personally connected by l\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 4.9-10).
  
- B. Public Dimension: We publicly confess our f\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 10.8-10).
  
- C. Practical Dimension: We practice h\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 4.9).

#### IV. Mark Four: Serving Others for Christ's Kingdom

- A. Private Dimension: We personally serve with zeal (Romans 12.11).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Public Dimension: We publicly witness for Christ (Matthew 10.32-33).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Practical Dimension: We practice good stewardship (Matthew 6.19-21).

#### V. Mark Five: Growing in Christ's Image

- A. Private Dimension: We are personally humble (Ephesians 4.1-2).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Public Dimension: We faithfully attend prayer meetings (Acts 2.42).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Practical Dimension: We engage in meditation (Psalm 1.1-3).

<b>Marks of a Faithful Church Member</b>	<b>Private dimension</b>	<b>Public Dimension</b>	<b>Practical Dimension</b>
<b>1. Receiving Christ's Word</b>	Hunger for the Word?	Faithful Attendance on the Word?	Active Listening to the Word?
<b>2. Union with Christ's Person</b>	Personal Trusting in Christ?	Diligent Using of Sacraments?	Practical Obedience to Christ?
<b>3. Connected to Christ's People</b>	Love God's People?	Publicly Confess the Faith?	Practice Hospitality?
<b>4. Serving Others for Christ's Kingdom</b>	Serve with Zeal?	Publicly Witness for Christ?	Practice Good Stewardship?
<b>5. Growing into Christ's Image</b>	Growing Humble?	Attend Prayer Meetings?	Engage in Meditation?