

# **Church Responsibilities, Individual and Mutual**

Elders, Preachers, Deacons, and the Church Family

Ephesians 4:11-16

The church is a wonderfully designed entity. We would expect nothing less. The church, however, is always subject to being corrupted by human traditions, apathy, or having its essential nature unattended due to the overcrowded lives of Christians. What does the church look like when it functions as God intended? Let's have a look.

## **Ephesians 4:11-16; Acts 6:1-3**

- Individual maturity (Eph. 4:11-15)
  - Diligence (II Tim. 2:15)
  - Practice (Heb. 5:12-14)
- Working together (Eph. 4:16)
  - A body (I Cor. 12:12-26)
  - A family (Matt. 12:46-50)
  - Love in action (Jn. 13:34-35)
- Implications
  - Dedication
  - Sacrifice
  - Sharing
  - Team
  - Love in all things

How do we stack up individually and as a congregation? Are we manifesting the principles that give the church distinction? Are we a city set on a hill? These are probing questions we must both ask and answer if the Lord's plan for the church is to be the influential reality He intends it to be.

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