



# MOUNTAIN TOP FAITH

M I N I S T R I E S

STEP ONE

**GATEWAY NEW MEMBER'S CLASS**

GATEWAY

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SERVE

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CONNECT

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# GET CONNECTED IN 3 EASY STEPS

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## G A T E W A Y

Gateway New Member's class is a series of three easy classes, or one accelerated class, that allows you to learn about:

The general history and vision of Mountaintop Faith Ministries (MFM) our core values, beliefs, servanthood and spiritual Gifts.

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## S E R V E

It's time to find somewhere to serve at MFM and get busy. From taking photos of services and special events, to serving meals to the homeless, or serving as a greeter in the lobby, there is something for everyone and we want you to be an active part of advancing the Kingdom of God!

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## C O N N E C T

Connecting to our Empowerment groups and Christian Education Department will allow you to continue to grow and connect with some great people at MFM. Smaller group settings allow you to interact and get more of your questions answered. Whether you are single, married, man, woman, elderly or young, there is a group for you to connect with at MFM!

# OVERVIEW

This course is divided into 3 classes that you can complete at your convenience.

➤ Class 1: New Community (New church, new place of worship, new family)

- Topics:

- Getting to know Pastor & Dr. House
- Church History
- Mission & Vision
- What We Believe

➤ Class 2: New Life (New relationships {God and his people} new principles)

- Topics:

- Baptism in Jesus Name
- Holy Ghost
- Prayer
- Fasting
- Giving

➤ Class 3: New Opportunities (Service/ Discipleship)

- Topics:

- Servanthood
- Spiritual Gifts

Class 1

New Community

# WELCOME



Welcome to the family here at Mountaintop Faith Ministries!

When you chose to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and decided to join a church home to further your spiritual growth, you made the two most significant decisions you could ever make towards eternal life. We are delighted about your future as a believer and your decision to enhance your walk with Christ.

We are committed to teaching and preaching the gospel message, because this gospel transforms the lives of everyone who receives it. As a church family, we will actively labor to empower you with Godly principles, relationship-building techniques, and challenge you to strive for excellence in every area of your life.

It is essential that you as a believer, study your Bible, establish a prayer and devotional life with God, and avail yourself of the various empowerment groups, enrichment and training sessions offered by our ministry.

We stand in covenant agreement with you concerning your needs and spiritual growth and look forward to fellowshiping with you as we labor together for Christ at Mountaintop Faith Ministries.

May great grace be upon you!

Blessings,

Clinton & Dr. Mary House



# BUILDING A BETTER YOU IN CHRIST

## CORE VALUES

### THE VISION



To provide an atmosphere to help strengthen and build families and people of all walks of life.

Through anointed prayer, praise and worship, teaching and presenting the word of God with practical application.

That all believers and non-believers would know the Love of Jesus Christ.

### THE MISSION



To reach the world, by touching people and changing lives, through the gospel, with the love of Jesus Christ



# Where we've been....

The Lord birthed a great vision in the heart of Clinton House, Sr. before he arrived in the city of Las Vegas. The vision entailed providing a place of worship, a solace for receiving spiritual strength, a place for educational enrichment and social activities, and a place where lives could be built on the foundation of God's Word.

Mountaintop Faith Ministries was blessed with humble beginnings as Golden Valley Apostolic Church, founded by Elder Charles Gamble in 1973 and incorporated on June 1, 1978. Our Senior Pastor, Elder Clinton House, was installed on September 14, 1990 with a congregation of only 13 members. On July 18, 1993 the church was renamed Mountaintop Faith Ministries.

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it." Isaiah 2:2

# Where we are....

Mountaintop currently owns 11.5 acres of property, including the new parking lot that was completed in 2018 and the Main Campus at 2845 Lindell Road. In addition to ownership of the main campus there are four additional properties adjacent to the Main Campus, including two homes to the south on Edna and 2 homes to the North on Eldora.

The current campus includes a:

- 1,500-seat Gymnasium – which is where our main worship services convene
- 400-seat Multi-Purpose Facility – current home of our youth ministry
- State-of-the-art Corporate Offices
- Life Center Modules (current home of our children's ministry and ministerial training)

# Where we are going....

The expansion of MFM continues in accordance with the vision that God has given Pastor House. Upon completion, the campus will include a Family Life & Learning Center, Main Sanctuary and affordable housing adjacent to the campus. The Learning Center will provide children, victims of domestic violence, and seniors in the Las Vegas Community much needed programs encompassing education, trade skills, business, the arts, community service and more.

# OUR PASTOR

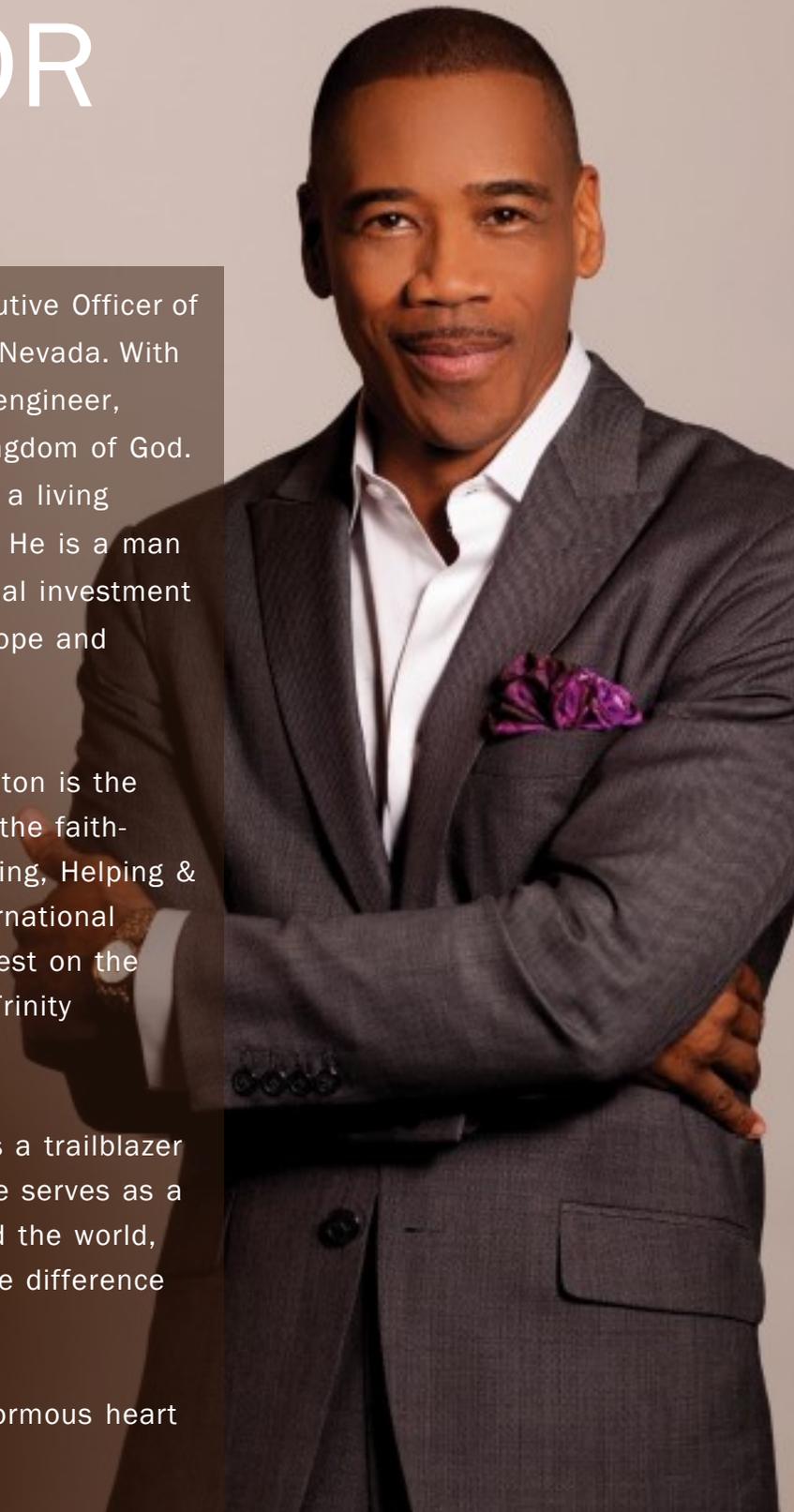
## CLINTON HOUSE

Clinton House is the Pastor and Chief Executive Officer of Mountaintop Faith Ministries in Las Vegas, Nevada. With the heart of a servant and the mind of an engineer, Clinton is passionate about building the Kingdom of God. His ministry spans over two decades and is a living legacy of relative, impacting Kingdom work. He is a man of vision, and is passionate about the eternal investment into God's people. His message is one of hope and encouragement.

As a noted presence in the community, Clinton is the Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board for the faith-based nonprofit organization, CHR, Inc (Caring, Helping & Restoring Lives). He is a supporter of international missions work, and has been a featured guest on the International Christian Television Network, Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) and GodTV.

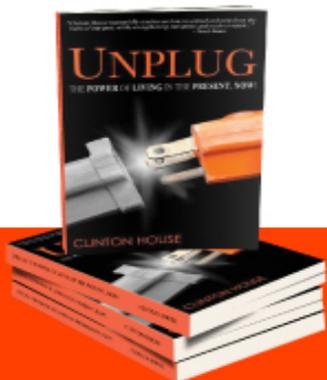
As a man with vision beyond his time, he is a trailblazer and pioneer for other growing ministries. He serves as a mentor to other pastors and leaders around the world, with one simple message, "Christ makes the difference that is lacking."

Clinton House is a humble man with an enormous heart for the people of God.



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# THE ROLE OF A PASTOR

The Bible teaches that the word “pastor” literally means “shepherd.” The role of a shep-herd can be divided into 3 main responsibilities: Lead, Feed and Protect.

**AS A LEADER:** The staff of the shepherd was used to reach out and grab or guide the sheep. The use of the staff itself is unique to only shepherds. It is a symbol of the unique patience and compassion by which a pastor effectively leads God’s people. Peter challenged his fellow elders to “shepherd the flock of God among you” by “exercising over-sight” (1 Peter 5:2 ESV). A sheep can be totally lost within a few miles of its home. With no sense of direction and no instinct for finding the fold, a lost sheep will walk around in a state of confusion, unrest, and even panic; it needs a shepherd to lead it home (see Matthew 9:36 & Isaiah 53:6).

**AS A FEEDER:** Sheep spend most of their lives eating and drinking, but they are indiscriminate about their diet. They don’t know the difference between poisonous and non-poisonous plants; therefore, the shepherd must carefully guard their diet and provide them with a pasture rich with nutrients. The teachings you receive are food for your spiritual man and the pastor diligently studies and prays to ensure you are getting the spiritual nutrients necessary to unlock your destiny.

**AS A PROTECTOR:** Sheep are almost entirely defenseless as they are unable to kick, scratch, bite, jump, or run which makes them easy prey. The shepherd’s rod was relied on to safeguard both the shepherd and the flock in danger. And it was, furthermore, the instrument he used to discipline and correct any wayward sheep that insisted on wandering away.

The guiding and helping hand of a Godly pastor will be invaluable to you in your walk with God whether you are a new or experienced Christian. Nurture a desire to be fed and led by the man of God.

Our Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, said to those who will be His disciples, “...Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19) The Bible exhorts believers to be “...followers of God, as dear children” (Ephesians 5:1) and to follow His under shepherds as they follow Christ (Philippians 3:17 and I Corinthians 11:1).

The word of God also teaches us to follow, respect, believe and work with the man of God. He is a representative of our heavenly Pastor of whom it is said.”...that ye should follow his steps.” (I Peter 2:21)

In I Thessalonians 1:6, the Apostle Paul portrays this ideal situation for pastors and God’s people. He says, “...ye became followers of us, and of the Lord...”

What a beautiful relationship! This is the kind of relationship God wants you to have with your pastor. **PROTECTOR LEADER FEEDER**

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# OUR FIRST LADY

## DR. MARY L. HOUSE

PRESIDENT/CEO CHR, Inc.

(Caring, Helping, & Restoring Lives)

Meet Mary L. House and you're sure to walk away feeling encouraged, inspired and even empowered to achieve your dreams. Mary's rich history includes overcoming poverty, nurturing a strong family, owning successful businesses and helping husband and pastor Bishop Clinton House, Sr. build the congregation of Mountaintop Faith Ministries in Las Vegas from just 13 members in 1990 to more than 4,000.

As "First Lady" of Mountaintop Faith Ministries, she leads by example and routinely teaches thousands of topics that foster individual spiritual growth.

In 1996, she co-founded the faith-based nonprofit community organization CHR, Inc. (Caring, Helping & Restoring Lives) to help families of the unemployed, and underemployed; as well as, women who are survivors of domestic violence in Southern Nevada.

CHR has utilized more than eleven million dollars in federal grants and private funding to provide assessment, training, coaching, counseling, placement, and support to help thousands of adult and dislocated workers find gainful employment and upward mobility.

She is a successful businesswoman, family advocate, spiritual leader, motivator, and mentor, literally inspiring hundreds of women, thousands of families, and countless strangers on a regular basis. Dr. House holds two Doctorate degrees (Doctorate of Divinity and a Doctorate of Humanity) and has received numerous community service awards. Mary and Clinton House have two children, one daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.



# OUR STRUCTURE

As we examine our world and society, you will notice that there is order in the universe. In nature, each animal has a predator. In heaven, there were levels of angels. Society has also followed suit. In the military, there are very pronounced levels which indicate whether one is subordinate or in charge. Each man is accountable to another man. The CHURCH is no different. God has so designed the church that there is order, authority and accountability.

WHY? "...For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man (MATURE).... Ephesians, 4:12

## JESUS CHRIST, THE CHIEF SHEPHERD

Ephesians 5:23; I Peter 5:4

## SENIOR PASTOR

ROLE: Visionary (Undershepherd)

Function: Receives vision, direction and purpose from God

## MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

ROLE: Vision Administrator, SUPPORT (Under-girder)

Function: Develops teams and strategies to execute the vision as given by Pastor.

## EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

ROLE: Administrator/Ministry Support (Under-girder/Visionary Support)

Function: Implements and Executes direction from Pastor

## MINISTRY DIRECTOR

ROLE: Vision Administrator (Under-girder)

Function: Develops teams and strategies to execute the vision and bring it to fruition

## MINISTRY LEADER

ROLE: Vision Leader

Function: Leads their team in departmental call of action

## MINISTRY COORDINATOR

ROLE: Visionary Support

Function: Organizes persons, information and resources needed to carry out the vision

## MINISTRY VOLUNTEER

ROLE: Ministry Support Worker (Builders)

Function: Willing to lend time and talent towards the completion of the vision

## CORPORATE ARMS

Board of Directors  
Chief Operations Officer  
Legal Counsel  
Chief Financial Officer

# WE BELIEVE

Mountaintop Faith Ministries is an Apostolic Pentecostal church with firm biblical beliefs which strive to impact the world while helping to restore reconciliation to God. Biblically, we believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God.

**BIBLICALLY WE BELIEVE** in the great commission and are endeavoring to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with love, mercy and compassion.

**BIBLICALLY WE BELIEVE** there is only one God (Deuteronomy 6:4). He is the creator of heaven and earth, and of all living beings. He has revealed Himself to humanity as the Father (Creator), as the Son (Savior), and as the Holy Ghost (Indwelling Spirit).

**BIBLICALLY WE BELIEVE** in water baptism by immersion in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sin. Through baptism we identify with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Romans 6:3-6; Colossians 2:11-14; Acts 2:38.

**BIBLICALLY WE BELIEVE** in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the initial sign of speaking in other tongues. Acts 2:4.

**BIBLICALLY WE BELIEVE** in the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He ministers to His people through tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy, words of knowledge and wisdom, discerning of spirits, faith, working of miracles, healing, helps and government. Mark 16:15-18; Acts 5:16; I Corinthians 12:1-11.

**BIBLICALLY WE BELIEVE** everyone has sinned and needs salvation. Salvation comes by grace through faith based on the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Romans 3:23-25; 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9.

**BIBLICALLY WE BELIEVE** as Christians we are to love God and others. We should live a holy life inwardly and outwardly and worship God joyfully. The supernatural gifts of the Spirit, including healing, are for the church today. Mark 12:28-31; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10.

**BIBLICALLY WE BELIEVE** Jesus Christ is coming again to catch away His church. "In the end will be the final resurrection."

SUGGESTED READING

## THE BOOK OF ACTS

# WATER BAPTISM

“Know ye not, that so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” Romans, 6:3-4

## WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Water Baptism is the full submersion of one’s complete body into water. It symbolizes the death, (Romans 6:3-11) burial, (Colossians 2:12) and resurrection (Romans 6:4-5) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When we are submerged, we are buried with Him.

We bury the old man and when we rise, we rise to walk in the newness of life.

## IS IT NECESSARY?

As believers of the word of God, we must identify ourselves with Jesus Christ. One becomes identified with Jesus Christ by becoming a born-again, spirit-filled believer. This is done by receiving the new birth through the “water” baptism and receiving of the “spirit” which is the Holy Ghost.

## WHY IS IT NECESSARY

“Jesus answered, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, He cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” St. John 3:5

## IS BAPTISM FOR YOU

“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” Galatians 3:27

## WHAT’S NEXT

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance...” Acts 2:4

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved...” Romans 10:9

## Answers to Matthew 28:19

Why do we baptize in the name of Jesus Christ and not the way Jesus states in Matt. 28:19?

The first law of rightly dividing the word is, “never build a doctrine on one scripture alone.” The book of Matthew was written about 34 years after the Day of Pentecost (A.D. 67). Matthew stood with Peter (Acts 2:14) and did not dispute the baptism in Jesus Name. Father, Son and Holy Ghost are titles not names.

Matthew is historically considered to have written this book to Jews who were taught not to say His name in vain. Therefore, He sought not to alienate these Orthodox Jews.



# BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

## **WHO IS GOD**

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23-24

God is a Spirit, which you cannot see or physically touch, therefore, cannot be worshipped with natural things. We must have the Spirit in us to worship Him in the Spirit.

## **SALVATION IS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17

## **IN FAITH, ASK FOR THE HOLY GHOST**

“And I say unto you, “Ask, and it shall be given...” Luke 11:9

“For everyone that asketh receiveth...” Luke 11:10

You must ask in faith and must believe God will give what you ask Him for; in this instance, the Holy Ghost. “Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?” Matthew 7:9-11

God wants to give us (you) the Holy Ghost much more than we want to give good things to our children, We are His children!

## **RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST**

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:38.

Repentance is committing to make a 180 degree turn in your mind...that you will live for Jesus and walk in His ways. The Holy Ghost is a gift; you cannot earn it, it is given freely, you need only to receive the gift.

## **IS IT FOR ME TODAY**

“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” Acts 2:39

## **ASK, BELIEVE, RECEIVE**

“Therefore, I say unto you, What things soever you desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” Mark 11:24

# PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of your spiritual growth. It is two-way communication with God. We can talk to the Lord any time and any place. In prayer, God reveals His plans and purpose for our lives. It is in prayer where we receive direction, spiritual warfare strategies and wisdom.

## TYPES OF PRAYER

**Personal Prayer:** Taking your petitions and supplications before God.

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplications with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto God.” Philippians 4:6

**Intercessory:** Praying on behalf of others as the Spirit of God leads.

**Corporate:** Praying together collectively as a church for the Body of Christ, the nation, its leaders, and kingdom advancement.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

## HOW TO PRAY

Learning to pray begins by making the choice to be alone with God. You must set aside time each day to meet with Him. Find a place where you won't be distracted or interrupted.

“O God, thou are my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.” Psalm 63:1

## WHEN TO PRAY

### *MORNING*

Psalm 5:3 | Psalm 88:13 | Mark 1:35 | Acts 2:1-4

### *NOON*

Psalm 55:17

### *EVENING*

Matthew 14:23 | Luke 6:12 | Mark 6:46 | Acts 16:25

### *CONTINUOUSLY*

Ephesians 6:18 | I Thessalonians 5:17

# FASTING

## WHAT IS FASTING

To the Jews in the Old Testament, fasting meant a total abstinence from nourishment (food or drink) and pleasure for a twenty-four hour period beginning at sunset. A real fast is the sacrificing of the “personal will.” In fact, in the Old Testament, fasting is often referred to as “afflicting the soul.” (Read Leviticus 23:27)

## WHY FAST

We fast to release the Power of God through the Biblical practice of fasting. “And he said unto them, this kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.” Mark 9:29

Fasting is more important than many of you have supposed (prayerfully the importance will be revealed as you read the Bible). For many, fasting is not a major Biblical doctrine or a foundational stone of faith, or a panacea for every spiritual ill. Nevertheless, when exercised with a pure heart and right motive, fasting may provide us with the key to unlock doors that otherwise could not be opened. It can be a window opening up new horizons in the unseen world, and a spiritual weapon of God’s Power directed towards the pulling down of strongholds. Through His Word, God has awakened many of His people to spiritual possibilities that were manifested only by fasting.

1. THE NORMAL FAST: Luke 4:2 (To abstain from eating)
2. THE ABSOLUTE FAST: Acts 9:9 (To abstain from eating and drinking)
3. THE PARTIAL FAST: Daniel 10:3 (To abstain from certain foods)

## Should I Continue with my Medication?

It is wise to consult your doctor regarding the effect of fasting combined with your medication

## Benefits to Fasting

- Develops humility
- Strengthens the inner man
- Looses the bands of wickedness
- Releases heavy burdens and brings freedom from oppression
- Manifestation of God’s power
- Brings the church family into greater unity and growth
- Opens the door for you to receive God’s anointing and fresh revelation
- Increases faith
- Gives you the power to gain victory over the sins of the flesh
- Breaks addictions (food, alcohol, nicotine, caffeine, gambling, etc...)

# SOUL WINNING

## A PERSONAL MESSAGE: IS SOUL-WINNING A GIFT?

*Pastor Clinton House*

The Bible says in Proverbs 11:30, “The fruit of the righteous is the tree of life, and he that winneth souls is wise.” The fruit of a Godly life is leading others to Christ. Also, wisdom is a characteristic of the soul-winner. You may have degrees and great spiritual insight; knowing all the visions of Daniel, the Beast of Revelation, and astound people with your Bible knowledge, yet, in God’s eyes we are wise when we win the lost. Much has been written and said today about the need of ministering to the Lord. Overdo emphasis is placed upon vocal praise unto the Lord. While this is important, we seem to miss one of the greatest ways we can minister to the Lord—telling others about His saving power.

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye...” (Acts 1:8)

One of the most exciting truths in the entire Bible is that God loved us so much that He chose to share with us the thing that is closest to His heart – reaching the unsaved.

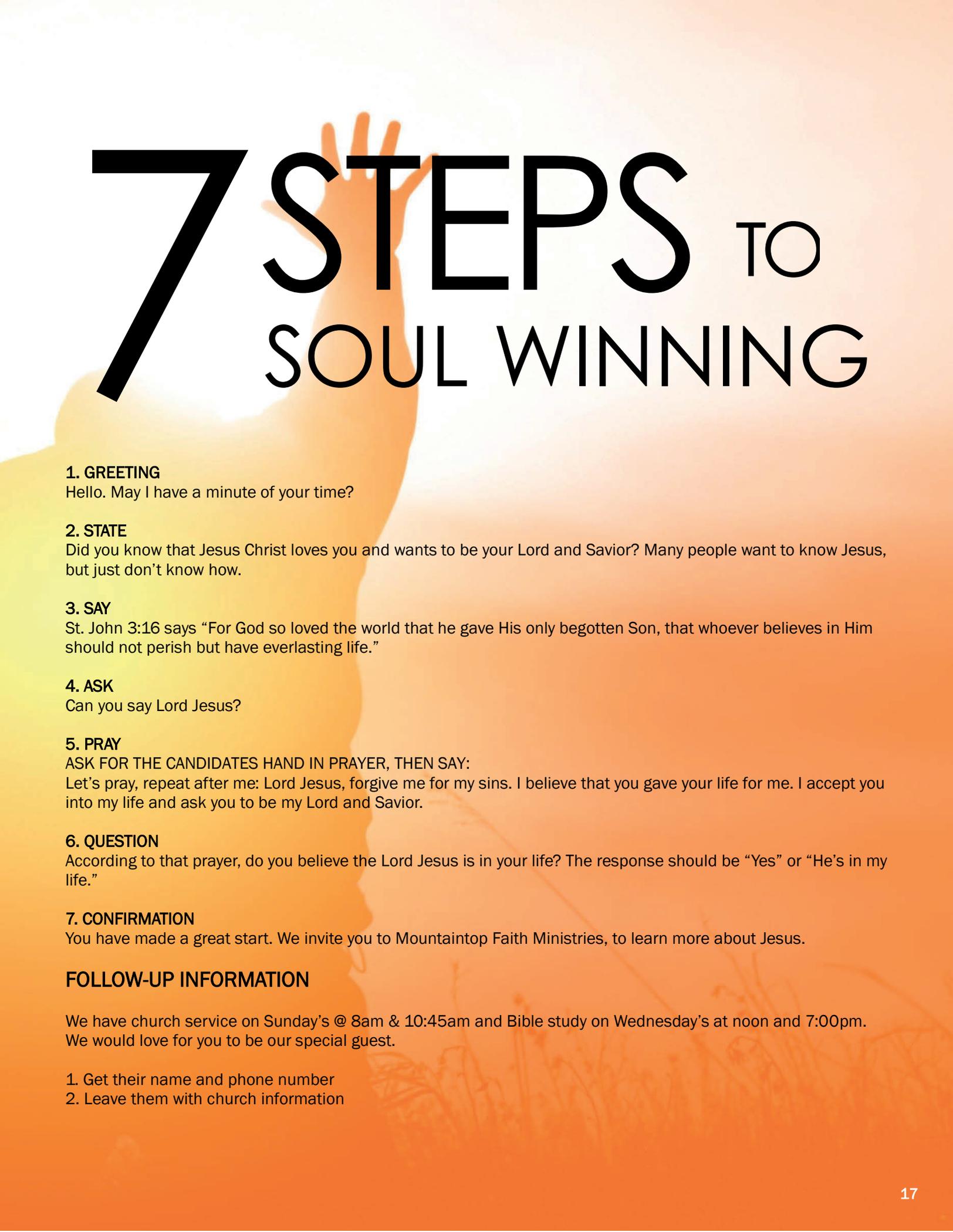
“For the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10) He could have carried out His redemptive plan without us, but rather chose to make us “...workers together with him...” (II Corinthians 6:1) We have been put on this earth for one reason and that one reason is found in Ephesians 2:10, “For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works...” Some say, “Pastor, I believe this is true and I will pray it is God’s will for me to win souls.” We do not have to pray about soul-winning, as it was the last will and testament of our Lord before He ascended.

“And repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”  
(Luke 24:47)

IT’S A JOB THAT MUST BE DONE AND LOVE DEMANDS IT.

### PREPARING FOR SOUL WINNING

- Set a definite time.
- Go with different people—trainer and trainee. (Two-by-two) Go believing.
- Always be courteous and nice.
- Be cautious when entering into someone’s home when invited.
- Be a good listener.
- Invite him/her to church.



# 7 STEPS TO SOUL WINNING

## **1. GREETING**

Hello. May I have a minute of your time?

## **2. STATE**

Did you know that Jesus Christ loves you and wants to be your Lord and Savior? Many people want to know Jesus, but just don't know how.

## **3. SAY**

St. John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

## **4. ASK**

Can you say Lord Jesus?

## **5. PRAY**

ASK FOR THE CANDIDATES HAND IN PRAYER, THEN SAY:

Let's pray, repeat after me: Lord Jesus, forgive me for my sins. I believe that you gave your life for me. I accept you into my life and ask you to be my Lord and Savior.

## **6. QUESTION**

According to that prayer, do you believe the Lord Jesus is in your life? The response should be "Yes" or "He's in my life."

## **7. CONFIRMATION**

You have made a great start. We invite you to Mountaintop Faith Ministries, to learn more about Jesus.

## **FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION**

We have church service on Sunday's @ 8am & 10:45am and Bible study on Wednesday's at noon and 7:00pm. We would love for you to be our special guest.

1. Get their name and phone number
2. Leave them with church information

# Stewardship

## WHY SHOULD I TITHE

Tithing and Giving guarantees your Harvest, rebukes the devourer (anything that will attempt to destroy or come against your seed) and will not let the pests destroy the fruits of your ground. Neither will your vine cast her fruit before the time which guarantees that all your needs will be met.

## DO THESE QUESTIONS COME TO YOUR MIND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT SOWING

1. Where is my money going?
2. Why should I tithe, tithing was under the Old Testament
3. Is it okay to spend my tithe? The Lord will understand I have bills due.
4. Can I afford to tithe?

## THE POWER OF TRUST "DEVELOPING OUR TRUSTWORTHINESS"

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much" (Luke 16:10 NIV).

"The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it." Psalms 24:1

Steward is defined by Webster's dictionary as "One to whose care is committed to the management of a household; one who acts as a supervisor of finances a property for another." As a servant of God we are aware that we are not our own, 1 Corinthians 6:19 and, that God is using us to take care of that which is his

Namely, Our Time, Talent and Treasure. Biblical stewardship stems from the understanding that God is the owner of all that we have, and we are managers of God's resources. He has chosen to give us things to use for His glory and it also brings an awareness that biblical stewardship also focuses on the ownership of God and our obedience to Him.

1. God owns it all (1 Chr. 29:14). God has provided us with all of our time, wealth, possessions, and resources. God owns everything. The uses of these resources are His gifts to us, which God will use to accomplish wonderful things for His kingdom. The resources we possess are assets to be invested in the Kingdom.
2. We are to manage God's resources (1 Peter 4:10). Since God owns everything, Christians are called to be managers or stewards of all that God entrusts to them, to honor and glorify Him.
3. Our giving is to God (Rom. 12:1, Phil. 4:17). Giving then, is a worshipful, obedient act of returning to God from what He has provided. Your giving should be directed to God and His work, not to an organization. Therefore, giving is a spiritual decision.

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:10

One thing that we appreciate about God is that He never wrestles with Man's will and the truth is that God doesn't need our money, he knows that our orientation toward money reflects our obedience and He trust that we will give back to Him in generous measures, further realizing the reckless nature of God who gives the free gift of salvation by grace to all who will receive it.

## THE POWER OF AGREEMENT

“Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10

Giving is not God’s way of raising money – When we give our tithe and offering, it is a intimate part of worship, we are coming into agreement with God concerning His word and our promises. Our money is a essential part of worship,

When we give to God we are giving and important part of ourselves. We are giving our skill, our talent, our time, and our strength. Here are 3 important keys of agreement:

\* To Honor God – Leviticus 27:30-32

\* It Is Commanded by God – Deuteronomy 14:22

\* Tithing teaches the believer how to reverence and put God first. Genesis 28:22, Genesis 14:18-23, I Chronicles 29:9-16, I Corinthians 4:7

## THERE ARE 3 MAJOR WAYS THE ENEMY WILL TRY TO HINDER US FROM GIVING

1. Postponement – “I will tithe or give the next time”

2. Crunch in finances – “I can’t afford to tithe”

3. Poor Management – “Over Spending” ....the prosperity of fools will destroy them. Proverbs 1:32

***This is our confession: “The seed that leaves our hand never leaves our life, I come into full agreement with my seed that it shall produce more for me than I could imagine.”***

We live in a culture that urges us to feel discontent – to always long for more, for bigger, for better. We are told to “buy now, pay later.” The problem is, such a heart attitude (known as greed) is a dangerous and deadly trap. Even the apostle Paul was on the lookout for greed, choosing to earn his own living as a tentmaker rather than living off the generosity of others (see Acts 20:33-38).

By following God's principles in the area of finances, we can avoid the traps of greed and store up treasures in heaven (Mark 10:21).

## THE POWER OF TITHING

1. Returning the tithe to God helps us remember that He is the owner of everything. Psalm 24:1, NKJV. says, “The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”

2. God is the source of all our wealth. Deuteronomy 8:18, says, “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

3. God says we rob Him if we don’t give tithe and offerings. Malachi 3:8, “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings.”

4. Do I tithe when in debt? We should pay what we owe to God first, and God will help us take care of our debts. Psalm 50:14-15, says, “Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

5. What if I can’t afford to pay tithe? God promises to richly bless us if we are faithful in tithes and offerings. Malachi 3:10, says, “‘Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.’”

# PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER

## What is The Purpose For Tithing and Giving Offering

Ministries need money to operate and to do ministry. There must be “meat” (substance, foundation, authenticity, strength and validity) in the house of the Lord. Guard your future with your seed. Your seed is your protection.

Malachi 3:10, Deuteronomy 26:11-12, Nehemiah 13:10-11, Haggai 1:2-4, 8-11

**Tithes** = Tenth is paid to God and there are tangible benefits that exist through the return of the Tithes to God.



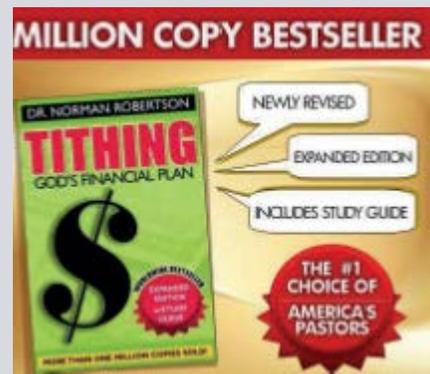
Give the tenth percentage of your tithe. Tithe is 10% of your increase (any seed that you receive). When an individual tithes, they are to tithe from their gross pay and not their net earnings. Before you write any check or pay any bills, you should take out the Lord's percentage. Numbers 18:26, Malachi 10a, Proverbs 3:9

**Offerings** are given to God - The gift of giving releases a spiritual and natural blessing over our lives.

Your offering is your future blessing! If you sow sparingly, you shall reap sparingly! Challenge yourself in your giving; your seed is yielding to you a continual flow of blessings, opportunities and favor. Genesis 8:22



*Suggested Reading for a better understanding*



## **Tithing: God's Financial Plan**

By: Dr. Norman Robertson can be purchased in the MFM Bookstore.

## CLASS 3

# SERVANTHOOD

### What is a servant?

Servant can be defined as a state, condition, or quality of one who lives as a servant. A servant is someone who is under submission to another.

For Christians, this means submission to God first, and then submission to one another. A servant is one who seeks to meet the real needs of others or of the person he is serving.

A servant is one who, even when in a position of leadership seeks to unselfishly lead and influence others; placing the needs of others before his own. As the following passages will demonstrate, the Lord Jesus came as a servant with a commitment to serve. Just think, if He had come to be served, our redemption could and would never have taken place. Likewise, our failure to live as servants throws up a huge barrier to effectively minister as representatives of our Lord Jesus Christ. Mark 10:45.

Paul urged the Corinthians to think of him, Peter (Cephas) and Apollos not as leaders of actions, but as servants of Christ entrusted with the secret things of God and to be faithful stewards in servant-hood. I Corinthians 4:1, 2

### Developing the Heart of a Servant

How can I develop the heart of a servant that will lead to genuine growth in serving others?

Learning to live as a servant naturally begins by following the Lord Jesus. As believers who are to follow in the steps of our Savior, it is important that we focus on Him because He was and is the example of humility, compassion and selflessness. Philippians 2:7-8; Romans 12:1-2. As we follow Christ, we are to have a heart of a servant and serve all. Mark 10:43-44.

## SPIRITUAL GIFT ASSESSMENT REVIEW & PLACEMENT

God gives us gifts so we can build the kingdom. To be effective, we must understand that all gifts and abilities from God require us to:

- **Operate** by faith.
- **Seek** ways to serve others using the gifts God has given us.
- **Pray:** Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance while evaluating our gifts.
- **Study:** Become familiar with scripture references, definitions and each gift function in the Body of Christ.

**Scripture References:** Romans 12:4-8, Ephesians 4:11, I Corinthians 12:8-11, 12:28

# AFFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP

I am personally acknowledging Jesus Christ as the only Lord and Savior; and have considered favorable the biblical doctrine and practices of Mountaintop Faith Ministries.

I am in agreement with the principles of faith; and desire to be associated with those of like precious faith in Christian fellowship. I hereby accept membership in the body of Christ at Mountaintop Faith Ministries of Las Vegas, Nevada. I agree and intend to submit myself to the statutes and standards of biblical conduct.

I commit myself to God and to other covenant members to do the following:

## **1. I will protect the unity of my church**

...by acting in love toward other members

...by refusing to gossip

...by following the leaders

*Romans 14:19; I Peter 1:22; Ephesians 4:29; Hebrews 13:17*

## **2. I will share the responsibility of my church**

...by praying daily

...by fasting once a week

...by inviting the unchurched to attend

...by warmly welcoming those who visit

*II Chronicles 7:14; I Corinthians 7:5; Luke 14:23; Romans 15:7*

## **3. I will serve the ministry of my church**

...by discovering my gifts and talents

...by being equipped to serve by my pastor

...by developing a servant's heart

*I Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:11-12; Philippians 2:4-5,*

## **4. I will support the testimony of my church**

...by attending faithfully

...by living a Godly life

...by giving tithes and offerings

*Hebrews 10:25; Philippians 1:27; Malachi 3:8, 3:10*

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