

I'm A Member, Now What?

1. That Church versus My Church - Transitioning From Follower To Member

- Acts 9:1 - - Paul talks about those disciples - meaning that church.
- Romans 1:1 - - Paul now admits to being one. What happened?
 - He moves from **following** to being a **member**.
 - He moves from being an **accuser** of the church to being an **asset** to the church.
 - He moves from a **killer** of the church to a **keeper** of the church.
- When you are on the outside, you have **little respect** for the inside. Insiders must be very careful around outsiders.
 - A. Insiders must deal with Church issues inwardly, **never** outwardly.
 - B. Insiders must be **careful** of people who don't want to be a part but just want to know what's happening.
 - C. If you are a member, be more **committed** to inside doings than outside **gossip**.

2. If We Do Not Become Fully Persuaded In Our Choice, We Can Easily Be Led Away From It.

- A. Understanding the **decision**.
- B. Being fully **persuaded**.
- C. Knowing that you **know**.
- If you have a problem with **sowing**, you really have a problem with **knowing**.

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3. Whenever We Connect To Something New, We Are Talked About As Being Band-Wagoners.

- There's nothing wrong with jumping on a band wagon that's **going somewhere**.
- A. Your **position** in God and your future has nothing to do with the age of a ministry, but with its **connection** to God, and its ability to build your faith and build you **spiritually**. Older is not always better.
- B. Be more concerned with the **process** that gets you there rather than the **vehicle**.

4. A Good Follower Is Sometimes Better Than A Disloyal Member!

- Jesus was carrying His cross because of a member, but his burden was eased by a follower.
- A. Following with a **purpose**.
- B. Following is never **forever**.
- C. Following always comes before **commitment**. It's like courting before marriage.
- D. Good followers can be **detoured** by bad members.

5. Connection Or Membership With A Church Should Always Follow A Commitment To God.

- A. Whenever God is not **committed to** first or **recognized** first a level of cultish activity begins.
- B. If we do not commit to **God** before we commit to a **church**, we will never be of any use to that church.