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I. *Why do we come to church?*

A. **Eph. 4:11-12**

--So that the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who are God's gifts to the church can \_\_\_\_\_ us to do the "work of service" for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ the body of Christ, the church.

*II Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

We come to church \_\_\_\_\_ the teaching and preaching in order to be \_\_\_\_\_.

B. **Heb 10:24-25**

*1Thess. 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.*

--Not only to be equipped but to actually \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ for which we are being equipped.

## II. *Practicing Hospitality at Church*

### A. **Serving requires** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Heb. 13:16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

### B. **Serving means we can't be** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Phil. 2:3-4 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*

### C. **Serving is following** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Rom. 15:2-3 Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. For even Christ did not please Himself.*

*Jn. 13:15-17 For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.*

## III. *Compare and Contrast*

### A. **At Home**

- Give them a drink
  - Provide refreshment
  - Inquire about them
  - Do what you can to help them
- have an enjoyable time and to go away blessed



### B. **At church**

- Give them a drink
- Prov. 18:4 The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.*
- Provide refreshment
  - Inquire about them
  - See what you can do for them to have an enjoyable time and to go away blessed

#### IV. *Two hindrances for women*

A. \_\_\_\_\_

-Jesus is our example of humility (*Phil. 2:3*)

**Right concept:** True humility is not drawing attention to ourselves and making ourselves a public display.

**Wrong concept:** Humility is \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Pet. 5:5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with **humility** toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.*

Could I be mistaking pride for humility?

B. **Misunderstanding of a** \_\_\_\_\_

(1 Pet. 3:1-6)

What it is:

What it is not:



*I appeal to you as my  
fellow sufferers of  
feminine timidity!*

God has not given us  
a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_  
but of \_\_\_\_\_!

## V. Conclusion

Get up Sunday morning, clothe yourself with humility, adorn yourself with a meek and quiet spirit, and come to church, a place of service, ready to do the work of service, practicing hospitality at every opportunity and . . . *“may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in \_\_\_\_\_ for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you; so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.”*  
*1 Thess. 3:12-13*

*1 Pet. 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart . . .*

*1 Pet. 4:8-9 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another . . .*



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