

RELATIONSHIPS

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Message: "Your Other Family"
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Why You Will Never Find The Perfect Church...

What Is This Thing Called a "Church?"

"On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it."
Matthew 16:18, NIV

What Makes a Local Church So Important?

1. It functions as the body of Christ

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."
1 Corinthians 12:27, NIV

2. It is the pillar and foundation of the truth

"If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth."
1 Timothy 3:15, NIV

3. It provides the lab for learning how to live like Jesus

4. It provides Godly peer pressure

How To Keep a Good Church From Going Bad...

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age."

1. **Reach out and recruit new followers of Jesus**

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick." Matthew 9:12, NIV

2. **Teach people how to live the Christian life**

3. **Deploy people into kingdom ministry**

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 3:10-11, NIV