

# How To Build Up The Church

**Introduction.** Everyone who loves the Father loves the Son. Everyone who loves the Son loves His church. Everyone who loves His church will do everything they can to build it up because this is what God wants (Ephesians 2:19-22).

But what can a Christian do to build up the church? Our guide book, the New Testament, gives several great ideas about a congregation that grows and thrives.

## ***I. Attend It Up***

- A. Hebrews 10:25.
- B. 2 Chronicles 30:8.
- C. Example: Paul and his companions in Troas (Acts 20:4-7).

## ***II. Desire It Up***

- A. Romans 10:1.
- B. Philippians 3:7-8.
- C. Example: Lydia and the women by the river side in Philippi (Acts 16:13).

## ***III. Pray It Up***

- A. James 5:16.
- B. Hebrews 13:18..
- C. Example: The brethren praying for Peter while in prison (Acts 12:12).

## ***IV. Cooperate It Up***

- A. 2 Corinthians 6:1.
- B. Galatians 5:15.
- C. Example: The church in Antioch sending out Barnabas and Saul (Acts 13:1-3)..

## ***V. Contribute It Up***

- A. 1 Corinthians 16:2.
- B. 2 Corinthians 8:5.
- C. Example: The brethren in Antioch sending help to Judean saints (Acts 11:27-30).

## ***VI. Work It Up***

- A. Philippians 2:12.
- B. Romans 2:7.
- C. Example: Dorcas made coats and garments for brethren in Joppa (Acts 9:36-39).

**Conclusion.** You get out of the church what you put into it. The more interest you show, the more you will grow. Come to serve, not to be served and you will be blessed in return. "How often do I have to come?" is indicative of spiritual immaturity. It displays a lack of true love for Christ and it shows that one is selfishly concerned with how little they can do to save themselves.