

Life21 Membership Opportunity

As followers of Christ, we want to pursue everything in God's heart regarding His Church and our role therein. As Amos 3:3 states, "How can two walk together unless they are in agreement?" Our desire in offering the membership principles and commitment expressed below is to further empower this agreement and subsequent unity within His Church: first with the Lord, second with His global Church, and third with those of us placed in the Life21 community.

The scriptural principles listed below provide the basic summarized framework for what we believe to be God's directions for how we are to function as a local church. The sub-points provide specific expectations of Life21 members that clarify how we aim to walk out these principles in a spirit of unity.

I. Priority of God's Will (Lordship of Christ)

- A. II Corinthians 8:5 "They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us."
 - 1. Professing and living in the Lordship of Christ
 - 2. Following the Holy Spirit's leading in committing to Life21 (don't commit or remain committed outside of His leadership)

II. Pursuit of the Greatest Love (Love for the Church)

- A. John 13:34 "This is my command that you love one another as I have loved you."
 - 1. Commitment to engage in Life21 gatherings, membership meetings, ministry opportunities, and relationships so as to practically 'build up [the body] in love' according to Ephesians 4:16.
- B. Philippians 2:1-4 "valuing all others above yourself... looking not merely to your own interests but also to the interests of others"
 - 1. Commitment to give financially to the Life21 community (tithes & offerings) along with proactively blessing individuals/families directly as the Lord leads.
 - 2. Commitment to practically serve in the Life21 community via pre-existing volunteer opportunities or other creative avenues.

III. Unity Among The Believers (Unity in God's Family)

- A. Romans 15:5-6 "May God... give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify [Him]".
 - 1. Honoring the Assemblies of God [16 Fundamental Truths](#).
 - 2. Commitment to participate in the particular calling given to the Life21 community as expressed in our membership course.
 - 3. Honoring one another (no gossip, mistreatment, etc.)

IV. Submission To Leadership

- A. Hebrews 13:17 "Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you."
 - 1. Willingness and permission to communicate with leadership, as is fitting,

about sin struggles, personal/family needs, concerns and suggestions for the church body, etc.

2. Willingness to submit to the Life21 eldership in their decisions regarding the Life21 community, in a spirit of honor, unity, and fully voiced influence (particularly in situations in which a congregant feels the leadership is operating outside of God's best).

V. Discipleship

- A. 1 Thessalonians 2:8 "...Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."
1. Willingness to be disciplined, grow in being able to disciple others, and learn to take appropriate responsibility in God's household of faith
- B. Hebrews 12:14-16 "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see God. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root springs up and defiles the many. See that no one is sexually immoral or godless like Esau..."
1. Commitment to pursue and be held accountable to living out God's ways as revealed in the whole counsel of Scripture.

As we commit to pursue the ways of God listed above, we as a spiritual community will experience the following promised Biblical fruits:

- I. Honoring of God and His Gospel
 - A. Philippians 1:27 "Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel...then I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel..."
- II. Ability To Release Abundance Within
 - A. Acts 4:32,34 "They shared everything they had... there was no needy person among them."
- III. Positioned To Bring In The Harvest Beyond
 - A. John 17:22-23 "I (Jesus) have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me..."

Life21 Church Membership Commitment

Following God's pattern of committing to us in love, we as His people want to be intentional in our commitment to Him and to one another as His body. In signing my or my family's name, I/we, _____, commit to pursue all the aforementioned biblical principles and fruits as a vital part of the Life21 community. In doing so I invite this community and its leadership to prioritize caring for and holding me and my family accountable to the various dimensions of this commitment. In doing so, I also commit to clearly communicating with Life21 leadership if I or my family decides to alter our commitment to this community.

Signature

Date of Signing

