

# Life in the Father's House

A Member's Guide to the Local Church

## Lesson #1 "Realizing the Importance of the Local Church"

Read Foreword, Introduction and Chapter One and answer the following questions from pages 9-35.

**1 Timothy 3:15** ... "I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

- 1) In most cases, what organization shifted believers' focus away from the local church?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Is it possible to have a healthy spiritual life and close relationship with God without the church?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) "The \_\_\_\_\_ is the primary \_\_\_\_\_ through which \_\_\_\_\_ accomplishes His \_\_\_\_\_ in the world."
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) What is the meaning of "household" in **1 Timothy 3:15**?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) In **1 Timothy 3:15** what does "*the church of the living God*" communicate?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) How does God the Father reveal His love for the church? Support with Scripture.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) How does God the Son reveal His love for the church? Support with Scripture.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 8) How does God the Holy Spirit reveal His love for the church? Support with Scripture.

9) What does it mean that the church is “*the pillar of the truth*”?

10) How does our own relationship with God and His Word come into mortal danger?

11) List four ways the church functions as a pillar of the truth?

12) What does it mean that the church is “*the ground of the truth*?”

13) Why would it not be the “end of the world” if we lived in an evil country?

14) What does **1 John 2:19** teach us about those who separate themselves from the church?

15) “The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ love and \_\_\_\_\_ was to bring people \_\_\_\_\_ His church!”

16) “The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ profess \_\_\_\_\_ to Him and \_\_\_\_\_ His church.”