

HALLMARKS
of a BIBLICAL
CHURCH MEMBER

**What Christ Requires
of Every True Christian in His Church**



HALLMARKS SCHEDULE

Week 1 – Participating in Corporate Worship

Week 2 – Discovering Your Spiritual Giftedness

Week 3 – Sharing a Common Life

“One great evil existing in our congregations, especially in large towns, is that many of the members don’t know or take an interest in each other. It is a blessed hope that we shall recognize our friends in heaven, but let us begin by first recognizing them on earth.”

DAVID DICKSON, THE ELDER AND HIS WORK

SHARING A COMMON LIFE—FELLOWSHIP

I. A Definition of Fellowship

A. The Greek Word—*koinonia*

- *Koine* or common Greek was the common language of the people (marketplace Greek) because it was so widely and commonly spoken in the first century.
- “close association involving mutual interests and sharing, association, communion, fellowship, close relationship”
- To share a common life with one another.

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A. The Greek Word—*koinonia*

B. The Key Categories

- i. Vertical—With the Triune God (1 Cor. 1:9; 1 John 1:3)
- ii. Horizontal—With other Believers (Acts 2:43)

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II. The Activity of Fellowship

A. We share a common worship (Acts 2:42)

B. We share a common life (Acts 2:42–46)

“[They were] sharers on the one hand in a common hope and life, and on the other in a common contempt and persecution; ministered to by a common apostolic body, professing a common faith, partakers in common spiritual gifts, [and] practicing a common peculiar morality.”

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B. We share a common life (Acts 2:42–46)

C. We engage in mutual care (John 13:34; Gal. 5:13; 6:2; Acts 2:44–45)

D. We engage in mutual edification (Rom. 15:2; Heb. 10:24–25; Rom. 1:11–12)

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- A. Pray that the Spirit of God would renew your mind and change your heart to desire biblical fellowship.
- B. Read and study the passages of Scripture concerning fellowship.
- C. Pattern your life after biblical examples, particularly the early church.
- D. Make a list of ways to implement biblical fellowship in your life—and then actually do them.
 - i. Commit to two ministries on the Lord's day
 - ii. Commit to a ministry during the week
 - iii. Commit to actively pursue individual relationships.

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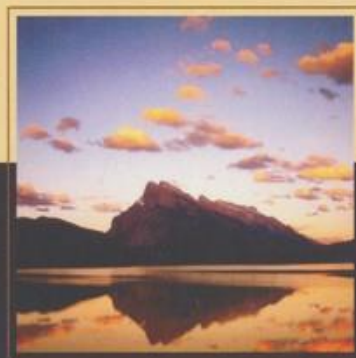
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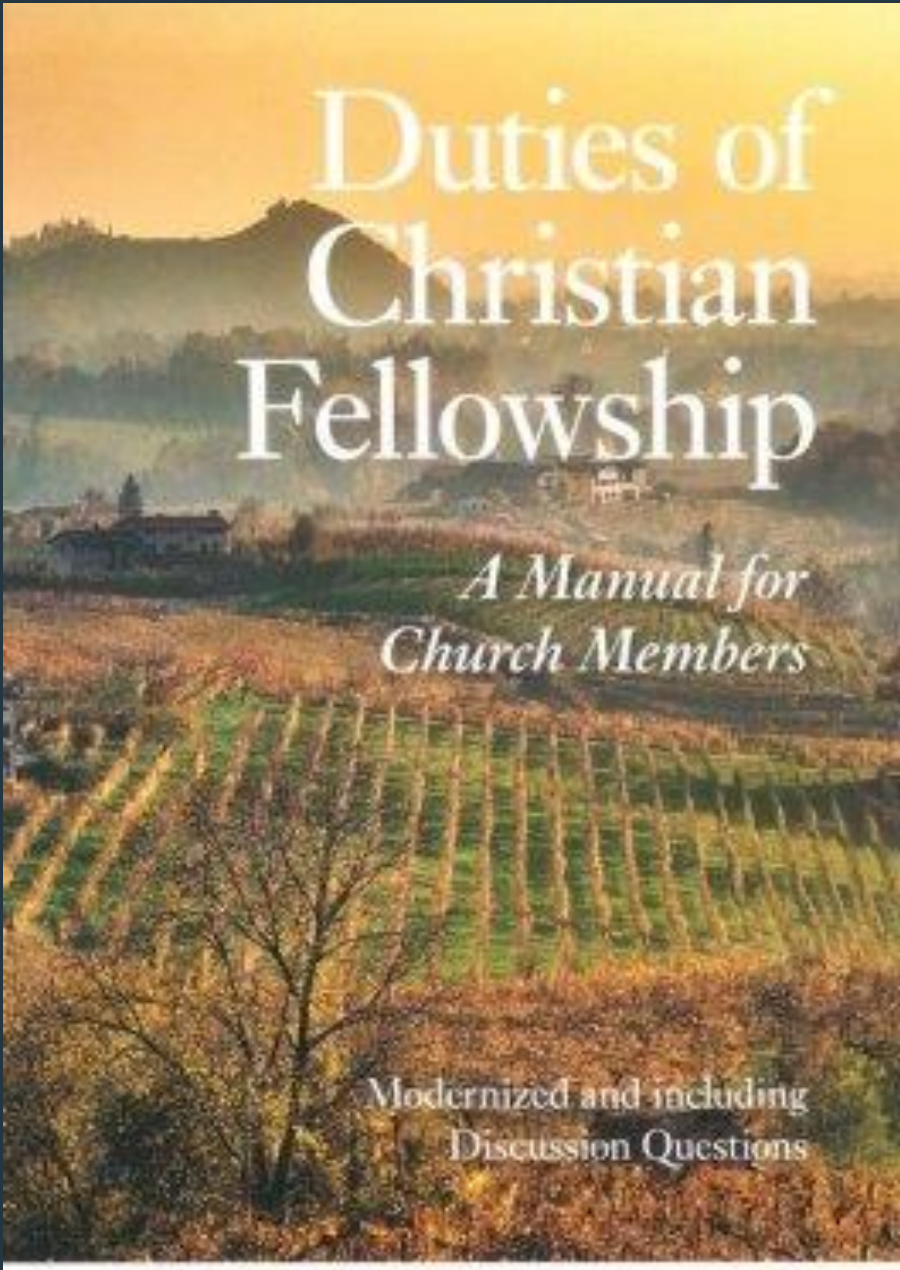
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