



# THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

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Introduction: What is the mission of the church? How can we fulfill the mission of the church? Some people understand the idea of the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, and Luke 19:10**), but the mission of the church is more than just evangelism. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

## M = MASTER

- A. We need to seek the will of God first, not our own (**Matthew 6:33**).
- B. The Lord promised to build His church (**Matthew 16:17-19**).
- C. He is the Head of His church (**Ephesians 5:23, Colossians 1:18**).

## I = INSTRUCTION

- A. Our children (**Proverbs 22:6**) and youth are not equipped (**I Timothy 4:12-13**).
- B. Our younger members are not properly matured (**Hebrews 5:12-13**).
- C. Our older members are not properly used (**Titus 2:1-8**).
- D. Our teachers need to be properly trained (**Ephesians 4:11-16**).
- E. Our elders and deacons need to be qualified and stay qualified (**I Timothy 3:1-13**).
- F. Our ministers need to do the work of an evangelist (**II Timothy 4:1-5**).

## S = SERVANTHOOD

- A. The heart of Christianity is servanthood (**John 13**).
- B. The Good Samaritan (**Luke 10:25-37**).
- C. Think about the life of Jesus (**Mark 10:45, John 13:1-20**).

## S = SACRIFICE

- A. We need to live a life of sacrifice (**Romans 12:1-2**).
- B. Denying myself and taking up my cross is required as a disciple (**Matthew 16:24**).
- C. Luke notes that Jesus said to take up our cross daily (**Luke 9:23**).

## I = INVOLVEMENT

- A. Our members are not involved (**Matthew 25, Ephesians 4:11-16, John 15:1-8**).
- B. Our congregations are not involved in our communities (**Acts 2:46**).
- C. Our leaders need to be more involved (**Acts 20:28, I Timothy 3:1-7, I Peter 5:1-4**).

## O = OUTREACH

- A. We are not doing enough evangelism (**Luke 19:10**).
- B. The Great Commission is not complete (**Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16**).
- C. The "blessed gospel is for all" and I am not ashamed of it (**Romans 1:16-17**).

## N = NAME

- A. We wear the name of Christ (**Acts 11:26, 26:28**).
- B. This church family also wears the name Christ (**Romans 16:16**).
- C. We are called to suffer for this name (**II Timothy 2:19, 3:12, I Peter 4:14-16**).
- D. When you wear the name of Christ it means you are His ambassador (**Ephesians 6:20**).

Conclusion: If the church neglects these seven things we will fail in our mission as a church. Our congregation must focus on these seven areas of ministry and service. Are you ready to fulfill the mission of the church?

WORD OF THE DAY = "MISSION"