

How Can I Help The Local Church Grow

1. **Attend** - (Heb. 10:25, Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 11:18, 20). No congregation can grow unless the members of that congregation are faithful in attendance and participating.
2. **Exhort** - (Hebrews 3:13). "But exhort one another daily, while it is called today." Exhort is defined as to "strongly encourage or urge someone to do something—have the sense of pushing forward. Its origins are Latin from thoroughly and encourage (W. E. Vine). We need to speak for the truth and against error. This means that we need to urge one another onward to greater maturity in Christ and deeper spirituality. When we do this, then Christ's church is truly built up and we become more and more the family of God and a local family.
3. **Worship** - "In spirit and truth" (John 4:24). Sing, Pray, Remember God's Son, and study from His word. While worship glorifies God, it also benefits the worshipper. We need to sing with all our heart, pray fervently, remember Christ's death deeply, and preach the good news with a concern for the souls of men.
4. **Live** - Like a true follower of Jesus. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16) Godly character allows the gospel to shine through our lives. This world is full of darkness, and God expects us to demonstrate the truth to others that they may be saved.
5. **Preach** - "Go into all the world and preach the gospel" (Mark 16:15-16), "Go therefore and make disciples... teaching them..." (Matthew 28:18-20). Teaching can be accomplished in many ways. We have cards available to hand out to family and

friends. One side of the card explains God's plan of salvation. This is a form of preaching and teaching.

God will provide the increase, but we must plant and water (1 Corinthians 3:7-8).