

# The Care of the Church

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## I. Introduction.

- A. God wants all that we are to be given away to Him.
- B. The burden of a pastor is that his people would give their hearts to God. (II Corinthians 11, Colossians 1)
- C. Five things are the care of the church.

## II. Purity in the life. (II Corinthians 7:1)

- A. This means obedience.
- B. This means a consistent prayer life. (I Thessalonians 5)
- C. This means a faithful study of the Word of God.

## III. A worshipping life. (Psalm 96:9)

- A. Worship from the heart.
- B. Worship in the fellowship of God's people.

## IV. Fellowship.

## V. Ministry.

- A. The people of the church should be involved using the gifts.
- B. People need to be involved in giving so that they can enter into God's blessing.

## VI. Evangelism. Baptism should be celebrated. (I Corinthians 15:58)

### **Application questions:**

1. Which of these areas is your weakness? What is something practical and measurable that you can do this week to grow in this area?

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2. Which of these areas is your strength? How can you help others in a gracious and loving way to grow in this area?

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3. In which of these areas is the modern church lacking? Explain.

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