

# THE CHRISTIAN IN THE COMMUNITY

## INTRODUCTION

Many people within the community evaluate the church, congregation, individual members, by the lives they live.

(1 Tim. 5:14; 1 Tim. 6:1; Titus 2:5; James 2:7; Matthew 5:16)

## 1. WE ARE TO BE IN THE COMMUNITY - (John 17:15; Mark 16:15)

## 2. JESUS WAS IN THE COMMUNITY

(Luke 2:52; John 2:1-11; Luke 19:1-10; Acts 10:38)

## 3. THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM WAS COMMUNITY-MINDED

(Acts 2:42-47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:7)

What did the N.T. church do to have an impact on the community?

- 1) They were "stedfast"
- 2) "They continued stedfast in the apostles' doctrine"
- 3) They were unified - (Acts 4:32) "one heart and of one soul"  
(Psalm 133:1) "... dwell together in unity"  
(Eph. 4:3) "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace"
- 4) They were happy - (Acts 5:41; John 16:33; 1 Thess. 5:16; Phil. 4:4)
- 5) They were benevolent.

## 4. WE WANT TO BE COMMUNITY MINDED

- 1) Practice what we preach - (Romans 2:21)
- 2) Be friendly - (Prov. 18:24)
- 3) Participate in the local community in a Christ-like manner.
- 4) Be kind to your neighbor - (Psalm 15:1-3; Matt. 22:37-40; Luke 10:29-37)
- 5) Maintain domestic tranquility - (Titus 2:8; James 1:19-20; Eph. 4:26)
- 6) In public, watch your habits.

## 5. THE CONGREGATION IN PUBLIC

- 1) (Psalm 122:1) "I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord"  
Be happy when you leave your home, in the parking lot, in the building.
- 2) When our neighbors need help - (Matt. 5:14) "Ye are the light of the world ...  
(v16) "Let your light shine before men ..."
- 3) During times of disaster in our nation and world.
- 4) Use our Food Pantry.