HOW TO BE WORTH SOMETHING TO THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION:
1. Our major concern should be that we are worth something to the church.
   A. Many are worth nothing to the church.
      1. You can’t go to heaven being that way.
2. To please God it is important to find the following characteristics in your life.
3. To be worth something to the church I must...

BODY:
1. ...BE FAITHFUL IN ATTENDANCE
   A. Those that are worth little or nothing to the church are lax in their attendance.
      1. This is often the beginning point of departure from the truth.
   B. Early Christians were steadfast in fellowship - Acts 2:42; 20:7.
      1. Such steadfastness is needed today.
2. ...BE LOYAL TO DIVINE AUTHORITY
   A. We have but one source of authority - Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:6.
      1. Too many seek authority for spiritual matters in the wrong place.
3. ...LIVE A FAITHFUL AND CLEAN LIFE
   A. If we claim to be Christians, we should live like one.
      1. Claiming to be something is not the same as actually being such.
   B. Many have caused damage to the church by not living up to their responsibilities - Titus 2:11, 12.
4. ...BE EFFICIENT IN THE WORK OF THE LORD
   A. A failure to do so is to be efficient in the work of the devil by default.
      1. We cannot serve two masters - Matthew 6:24.
         A. A choice must be made - Joshua 24:15.
      B. If we are not serving God, then we are serving the devil - Matthew 12:30.
      C. We need to be “steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord” - 1 Corinthians 15:58.
5. ...MUST ASSUME MY OWN RESPONSIBILITY
   A. One major problem today is getting members of the church to accept their individual personal responsibilities.
      1. We understand the need to do so in worldly matters, but when it comes to spiritual matters we fail to do so.
         A. Why is that?
   B. I read where the average member of the church spends $1.00 for mission work for every $750.00 they spend on pleasure.
6. ...MUST LOVE LIKE I MEAN IT
   A. Consider John 13:34, 35.
      1. Perhaps once we develop the kind of love that God demands the other matters already discussed will come naturally.