

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A CHURCH

Spirituality is something that abounds in our nation. This isn't hard to see considering the multiplicity of religious groups in our nation today. With so many out there it makes it hard for many people to know what to look for in selecting a church to settle into. Let's look at a few things most agree on, as far as what is important:

- Is there a sense of family and friendship (love and compassion shown toward one another) among those who attend there?
- Are the facilities accommodating, clean and well maintained?
- Is the message given from the pulpit one that is easily understood, and inspires one to have a closer walk with God?
- Are there other children there? Will my children grow spiritually there?
- Do we feel comfortable there?
- Is the congregation active?

These are indeed important things to be considered. When one "church shops" though, one needs to make sure that they are looking for the church of the "New Testament" instead of the one with the biggest bang. Too many times people are looking for the biggest, most popular, most hip, most dazzling, most entertaining place they can find to

attend. Make sure you have the right reasons for selecting a church; Biblical reasons. Consider these:

- Does the church you are considering worship in “spirit and in truth”? John 4:24
- Does it wear the name that saves, which is Christ? Acts 4:12
- Is the scriptural plan of Salvation preached? John 3:16, Luke 13:3, Matthew 10:32-33, Acts 2:38, Mark 16:15-16
- Does it preach the “One Body” or Church that Paul spoke about which Christ is the Head? Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:4
- Does it ultimately look for a “thus sayeth the Lord” for all things that are done? Colossians 3:17

It is commendable that people are interested in going to worship, but make sure it's the worship God recognizes.