What is My Place in the Church?
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Introduction: 1Tim. 3:15
A. Christians must be active members of local congregations - Acts 9:26-28
   1. We have responsibilities to that church that we do not have to other
      congregations
   2. We must be careful and faithful to fulfill those obligations.
B. We often limit our view of those obligations to public service and observable
   behaviors
   1. Heb. 10:25; 1Cor. 11:28, 16:2; Eph. 4:11
   2. While these are important matters that must not be overlooked, they are
      not the only important matters that must not be overlooked
C. The church is the “House of God” - 1Tim. 3:15. Therefore, Christians must:
   1. Love all of the other children in God’s family - 1Peter 2:17
   2. Seek always to do his brethren good - 1Tim. 6:18
   3. Set a good example for them, to share with them and help them as
      brothers and sisters - Rom. 14:17, 15:1

I. WHAT IS MY PLACE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH?
A. Rom. 12:10 - Be devoted to one another, give preference to one another.
   1. This person is rare in our world; contemporary wisdom states that your
      needs and desires come first
B. Rom. 12:16, 15:5-6 - Be of the same mind toward one another.
C. Rom. 13:8 - Love one another.
D. Rom. 14:13 - Do not judge one another
   1. Assumes the best about others until proven otherwise
E. Rom. 14:19 - Pursue the things that make for edification and peace.
F. Rom. 15:7 - Accept one another.
G. Rom. 15:14 - Admonish one another - 1Thes. 5:14
H. Gal. 5:13 - Serve one another.
I. Gal. 6:2 - Bear one another's burdens.
J. Eph. 4:1-2 - Show forbearance to one another.
K. Eph. 4:32 - Be kind to one another.
L. Eph. 5:18-19 - Teach and encourage each other in song
M. Col. 3:9 - Be honest with each other.
N. Col. 3:12-13 - Be patient and forgiving with each other, including the
   frequently falling who make it difficult
O. John 17:20-21 - Be one with God and His children
   1. How it is done - 1Cor. 1:10; Phil. 2:5; Eph. 4:1-3
P. Eph. 6:18-19 - Pray for each other.

Conclusion:
A. These are the works all members of a local congregation must do in order to
   maintain their place in the local church.