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MY
CERTIFICATE
of
CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP



TO REMEMBER ME BY ME

My Commitment to Christ



A CLOSE, vital fellowship with Jesus Christ, whereby He may use me as a channel for His power, results only from the unreserved commitment of all of life to Him, and to the embodiment and the carrying out of His purpose in His spirit. I do well to ask myself, not once but often, what this means, for each new insight into the will of God will reveal new areas of my life to be committed to Him.

Of one thing I can be certain: If I identify myself with Jesus Christ, I cannot expect to be at ease or content. The fearless following of God's will for me will mean conflict. Fellowship with Jesus Christ is a fellowship of joy and of deep inner peace, but it is also a fellowship of suffering.

Trusting in Him as my Saviour from sin, looking to Him for strength, and depending on Him for guidance, these are some of the ways by which I can enter more fully into such a fellowship:

1. Through Bible reading, meditation, and prayer.
2. By striving with earnestness and humility to be pure, honest, unselfish, and loving.
3. By sharing with others in a natural way my love for Jesus Christ and my understanding of His purposes, and at every opportunity, standing squarely and publicly for Him.
4. By making eager helpfulness, in the spirit of Christ, the ruling motive of every relationship

and of every contact, counting no task too insignificant and none too great, if undertaken in His name.

5. By allying myself in an intimate fellowship of prayer and action with a few others who place no conscious limitation on their zeal for Christ.
6. By doing all I can in love and loyalty to make my own church the embodiment of Christ that He meant it to be.
7. By giving myself and my associates no rest until the spirit, message, and program of Jesus Christ shall have transformed every human relationship and every area of human need, both in my own community and in the whole world of which it is a part.



In the light of all these things,

This is My Declaration of Purpose



DESIRING above all else that I may live constantly in closest fellowship with Jesus Christ, and that God may become visible to others in my life, I will seek to discover through actual experience what it means to live dangerously, as Jesus Himself lived; and I will make Christ-like living the purpose and the passion of my life.

My Covenant with God and The Church



I. In uniting with this Church, I subscribe to the following declarations:

1. Believing Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, I accept Him as my own personal Saviour and acknowledge Him as my Master and Lord. (Luke 12:8)
2. Trusting in the Holy Spirit for guidance and grace, I shall seek to lead a consistent Christian life, honoring Christ in all my relationships. (John 15:14)

II. As a member of this Church, I accept the following responsibilities. (Mark 8:34)

1. I shall strive to be faithful in my attendance upon its services. (Hebrews 10:25)
2. I shall endeavor to render some form of Christian service. (II Timothy 2:15)
3. I shall give regularly to the support of the Church and its benevolences as the Lord shall prosper me. (II Corinthians 9:7)
4. I shall pray regularly for myself, for others, and for my Church. (Luke 11:9, 10)

Signed.....

Date.....

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