

I Am A Church Member Series
From Thom S. Rainer Book

An Introduction To A Biblical Church
I Corinthians 16:15-18

- I. It is a contemporary part of a community. :15c
 - A. Achaia – Largely what is today Greece.
 - 1. A philosophical & superstitious people. Acts 17:22,23
 - 2. Paul often started churches in homes. (:19) Romans 16:5
 - B. Churches begin with individuals. I Cor. 1:16
 - 1. They touch families and communities with Christ.
 - 2. They help people take spiritual steps like:
 - a. Baptism b. Service

- II. It sets a standard of service. :15b,16
 - A. Addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints. :15b
 - 1. 46 billion \$ spent annually on recreational fishing gear.
 - 2. 20 million bikes sold annually.
 - 3. Public Universities – NCAA Div. 1 sports spend 6 times more per athlete than to educate students.
 - 4. 2012 - \$52 billion on pets (\$6.2 on treats & grooming)
 - B. These servants should be our mentors and heroes. :16
 - C. We should all be helpers and labourers.

- III. It touches and changes lives. :17,18
 - A. It makes our hearts glad to fellowship.
 - B. It provides opportunity to do what other can't.
 - C. It refreshes our spirits.
 - D. It provides us opportunities to acknowledge.