

# Evening Lesson

## HOW CAN I IMPROVE THE LOCAL CHURCH?

**Rom. 14:7, 10-13**

### INTRO:

1. The church belongs to Christ and he is its head. **Matt. 16:18; Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22, 23**
  2. He is the savior of the body. **Eph. 5:23**  
**...Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.**
  3. Therefore, I have no authority to try to improve on the terms of admission, the worship, the doctrine that is taught, etc. **1 Cor. 4:6 ...that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.; Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18, 19**
  4. As a member of the Lord's church that meets here, what can I do to enhance our fellowship and improve the overall attitude and outlook of my church family?
    1. Since I am not perfect, I need to regularly remind myself that if there was a perfect congregation that I would not fit due to my imperfections. **Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8**
    2. Instead of picking out the worldly members to point to, pick out the sincere, dedicated, spiritual members and thank God for them. I will find what I seek. **Matt. 7:7; Rev. 3:4**
    3. If you are old, treat the young with the consideration you desired as a young person. If you are young, treat older adults with the respect you will want when you get older. **Tit. 2:1-6; Lev. 19:32; 1 Tim. 5:1, 2**
    4. When we are tempted to criticize others, be sure to pray earnestly for them first. This may not totally change them, but it will do wonders for our attitude. **Eph. 6:18; Matt. 5:43-48**
    5. When I see a work being neglected, instead of being critical, offer to help. **Gal. 6:9, 10; Eccl. 9:10**
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