

# Evening Lesson

## HOW CAN I IMPROVE THE LOCAL CHURCH?

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

Continued...

### 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**
3. Therefore, I have no authority try to improve on the terms of admission, the worship, the doctrine that is taught, etc. **1 Cor. 4:6; Deut.4:2; Rev. 22:18, 19**
4. However, as a member of the Lord's church that meets here, what can I do as a human being to enhance our fellowship and improve the overall attitude and outlook of my church family?
6. Never, ever blame others for our own failures. I can be fruitful in spite of the bad examples and discouraging attitudes of others if I am determined to be. **1 Cor. 10:13; Matt. 27:24**
7. Remind ourselves every day that the only way we can improve the world or the church is to begin with ourselves.
8. Consciously look for the good qualities in every brother and sister in Christ. When I think of a brother or sister, make a quick mental of the good points each possesses. **Matt. 22:39; Rom. 12:10**
9. Constantly strive to increase my circle of associates in the church. Try to do something good for each. **Heb. 10:24**
10. Every congregation has problems. I need to constantly ask myself, "Am I part of the problem, or part of the solution?"  
**Gal. 6:1**

### CONC:

1. The church of Christ is called that because we belong to the Lord.
2. However, the church is composed of people and, as one of those, I have an influence on its peace, harmony, and success in God's work.