

Receiving 100% from God's House

Many Christians are only getting a fraction of what God has available for them through their local church. Not because the church is lacking, but because of how they show up. Here is a practical look at what it means to truly engage with your faith community and why it changes everything.

Are You Only Getting 65% of What God Has for You?

There is a real possibility that the average Christian, even one attending a great church, is only drawing about 65% of the spiritual benefit available to them. That means there is more anointing, more growth, more protection, and more blessing sitting right in front of us that we are simply not accessing.

Living in the times we are in, we need every drop of what God has for us. Not just enough to get by, but enough to stay healthy, overcome challenges, and keep the enemy from dragging us away from the life God intends.

What Is the "Sin of Familiarity" and Why Should You Care?

One of the oldest traps in Scripture is the sin of familiarity. It shows up at the very beginning of the Bible and again at the very end. It may have been the very thing that opened the door for Adam and Eve. They walked with God daily in the garden, and somehow a serpent in a tree was enough to pull them away.

The same enemy is at work today. His goal is to get you so used to what you have in God and in your church that you stop valuing it. When something becomes ordinary to us, we stop fighting for it.

Why Does Satan Work So Hard to Keep You Away from Church?

Every demon has an assignment, and for many of them, that assignment is to keep you out of the house of God. Away from community, away from truth, away from your pastor. The only way that strategy works is if you surrender.

The gates of hell cannot prevail against the church. But you can choose to walk away. You can give up your attendance, your service, your giving. The Bible warns that in the last days, people will turn their ears away from truth. That is not a passive drift. It is a choice.

How to Get the Most Out of Your Church: A Practical List

1. Stop Making It About You

The moment church becomes about whether you are happy, fulfilled, or entertained, it stops being fully about Him. When the focus shifts to God, everything changes. Are we worshipping Him? Are we serving Him? Are we honoring Him with our giving?

Society has conditioned us to ask, "What am I getting out of this?" But that question will cap your spiritual growth every time.

2. Show Up Consistently

You cannot get the most out of your church if you are not there. There is an anointing present in gathered worship that you simply cannot access from your couch.

Consider Thomas. He missed one gathering where Jesus appeared to the disciples. Just one. And to this day, he is not remembered as Apostle Thomas. He is remembered as Doubting Thomas. One absence shaped his legacy.

Jesus told a parable about a banquet hall that was not full. When the servant asked why, the answer was simple: the invited guests made excuses. Work, land, family. The same categories people use today.

3. Become a Member, Not Just a Visitor

There is a difference between attending and belonging. Membership is not just a formality. It is a declaration to God and to the enemy that you are not just floating through. You are planted. You are committed. And there are spiritual benefits that come with that commitment.

4. Serve

Do not just come and sit. Find something to do. The work of ministry needs hands, and serving is one of the most powerful ways to move past that 65% ceiling. You are not called to be a spectator. You are called to contribute.

If the role you want is already filled, find another one. A heart that truly wants to serve will always find a place.

5. Tithe Faithfully

Tithing is not a tax. It is not a sacrifice. It is one of the most powerful spiritual tools God has given His people.

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you...! - Malachi 3:10-11"

The devourer is not just a cartoon villain. It is sickness, depression, debt, poverty, and destruction. When you tithe, you are inviting God to rebuke what is coming against your life. When you do not, you are essentially telling God you can handle it on your own.

Tithing is not an Old Testament relic. Jesus Himself addressed it in Matthew 23:23, affirming that it should not be left undone. The book of Hebrews connects it to the covenant of Abraham. This is a consistent thread throughout all of Scripture.

What Happens When You Let People Run You Off?

People will rub you the wrong way. There will be personality conflicts, misunderstandings, and moments where someone in the church does something that frustrates you. The enemy knows this and uses it strategically.

When you allow strife or offense to clog the relationship between you and your church, you clog the spiritual pipeline. You cannot receive freely from a pastor you have unresolved issues with. You cannot grow in a community you are pulling away from.

One of the most powerful decisions a believer can make is simply this: I am going to church, and I am not letting anyone run me off. Not gossip, not conflict, not personality clashes. Nothing.

The Warning About Seeking Truth in the Last Days

The prophet Amos spoke of a coming famine, not of food or water, but of hearing the word of the Lord. People would travel from coast to coast searching for truth and not find it. They would faint, meaning they would give up.

This is not about a shortage of preachers. There are plenty of voices. It is about a shortage of truth. Motivational speakers, philosophers, and entertainers can fill a room without ever changing a life. When you have access to a church that preaches the uncompromised Word of God, that is not something to take for granted.

Life Application

This week, take an honest look at how you are showing up to your faith community. Are you attending consistently? Are you serving? Are you honoring God with your tithe? Is there any offense or strife that has clogged your ability to receive?

Your challenge this week is to identify one area from this list where you have been operating below your potential and take one concrete step to change it. Whether that means signing up to serve, committing to consistent attendance, or finally taking the step of membership, do something that moves you from passive to planted.

Ask yourself:

- Am I showing up to church consistently, or am I making excuses that I would not accept in any other area of my life?
- Is my church experience primarily about what I am getting, or am I focused on honoring God and contributing to others?
- Is there any unresolved offense or strife that is blocking me from fully receiving what God has for me through my church and pastor?
- Am I faithfully tithing and trusting God to rebuke the devourer, or am I trying to handle life's battles on my own?

God wants you operating at 100%, not 65%. The resources are there. The question is whether you will position yourself to receive them.

Quotes

1. Every demon on this planet will do anything it can to keep you out of this house, away from each other, away from your pastor. It's almost like that's their duty, that's their assignment given to them by Satan, is to chase you and harass you and mess you up.

2. The only chance these demons have and Satan has is if you surrender. You can surrender, you can give up. You can give up your serving God, your service, you can give up your attendance, stay home.

3. Sometimes I just call it the sin of familiarity. We find that in the very beginning of your Bible. We find it again in the very last pages of your Bible.

4. The Lord said to me, these people are only getting about 65% of the good that they could get out of this church.

5. There's so much more. There's just so much more you could be getting out of the church, the pastor, to benefit your life. And I don't have to tell you what it's like living in the last days. We need every little drop.

6. Tithing is the blessing of God. I just pray for you that you don't think it's some sacrifice, some taxation that God is taxing you.

7. They have decided to take matters in their own hands. They don't need me when they refuse to tithe. They're telling me, God, my adversary, the devil, that they don't need me to rebuke. They're on their own.

8. You're not ever going to get the most out of anything. Not your house, not your life, not your job, not your career, not your education, not even your church. If you can't get that devourer rebuked, he will constantly be messing with you, causing havoc in your life.

9. The prophet said there'd be a famine in the land, but not of drinking food, not that famine, but of hearing the word of the Lord.

10. It's prophesied that in these last days our young people would struggle trying to find truth once again. Isn't it amazing? You have it here. You never have to wonder.

11. Thomas, who was an apostle, as doubting Thomas, because he just wasn't there. The one time.

12. The very time you miss could be Thomas. The very time the Lord uses the band. One song, one message. A prophetic utterance, something your pastor taught.

13. Satan will do anything to stop you from listening and trusting the gift that God put in your midst. Why? Because then you won't. It's clogged plumbing. You clogged the plumbing you're not going to receive from your pastor if you have some issue with him.

14. I went to church and I allowed nobody there to run me off. In church, there are people that will just purposely push you, drive you, rub you the wrong way, pick on you, gossip about you, tail bear, maneuver you to get what they want. And I said, I determined that I'm going to church and I'm allowing nobody to stop me and run me off, no matter what it takes.

15. Don't let anybody take that away from you. How do I get the most out of this church?

16. One of the first things on my list of how to get the most out of a great church is never make this about me. Because the minute you do, it's no longer totally about him.

17. You can't get the most out of this church. Because believe it or not, the very time you miss could be Thomas.

18. I need more of God in my life than I've ever needed before. I want more of God in my life than I've ever had before.

19. Don't you get it? He wants you blessed. He wants this devourer that is stalking you night and day to mess with your mind, your health, your kids, your money, everything. The devil, he wants him stopped.

20. I'm going to attend church. I'm going to love my church. I'm going to make sure I'm good with my preacher. No clog plumbing for Barclay.

Verses

1. Matthew 23:23

2. Deuteronomy 26

3. Malachi 3

4. Hebrews

Short

Many Christians are only accessing a fraction of the spiritual benefits God has made available through the local church. The sin of familiarity is one of the greatest culprits, causing believers to undervalue what they have until they stop fighting for it. Consistent attendance, active membership, faithful serving, and tithing are not optional extras. They are the pathways to receiving everything God has positioned for you. Satan works strategically to keep believers away from community, truth, and spiritual covering, and every excuse we make plays into that strategy. Unresolved offense and strife can clog the spiritual pipeline just as effectively as absence. God wants His people operating at full capacity, not settling for a fraction of what He has provided. The question is not whether the resources are available. The question is whether you are positioned to receive them.