

A Living Hope: Defending the Faith Without Being Defensive

*The Recruiting Church*

1 Peter 4:8–11

The Lord's Day Morning

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## **What Is A Recruiting Church?**

The Recruiting Church perseveres in adversity in order to persuade those who are now hostile or indifferent to know, love, obey, and exalt him for God's glory.

## **Three Defining Marks of a Recruiting Church**

1. \_\_\_\_\_: The ability to articulate and defend the faith from Scripture (3:15; 1:24–25).
2. \_\_\_\_\_: The ability to say “No” to the desires that lead to sin (4:1–7).
3. \_\_\_\_\_: The ability to love, welcome, and serve in the family of God (4:8–11).

## **The Community That Recruits**

1. \_\_\_\_\_: Giving and forgiving for the benefit of my church family.
2. \_\_\_\_\_: Opening my life, time, home to new or weary recruits.
3. \_\_\_\_\_: Playing my position to accomplish the mission.