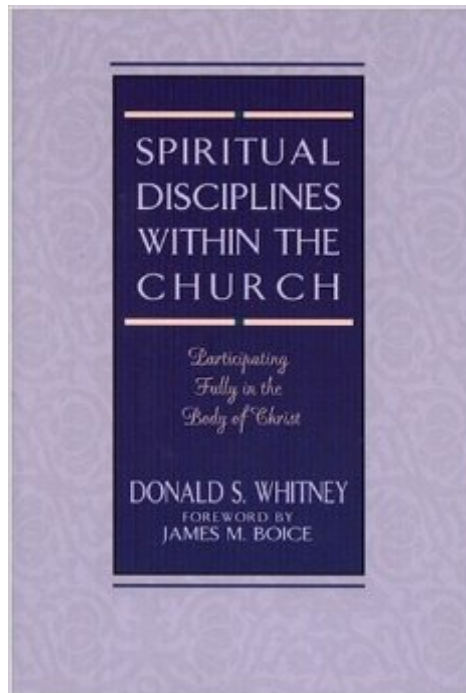


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# Spiritual Disciplines Within The Church: Participating Fully In The Body Of Christ



## Synopsis

'You're worth it.' 'You deserve a break today.' 'Do something nice for yourself.' Commonly heard phrases in this society are committed to self-gratification and individual rights. Doing things for other people is a waste of precious time, and asking for help is weak. So how do we build the church described in the Scriptures? In this day and age, how can we be a genuine community based on self-sacrifice and mutual commitment? In *Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church*, seminary professor, author, and former pastor Don Whitney shows us how to build a sense of community and be active participants instead of passive attendees. Whitney looks at such frequently asked questions as: Why can't I get by on my own? Why should I go to church? Why should I give of myself to the church? Why do I need to worship in church? Couldn't I just worship in nature? Why does it matter whether I become a member of the church? Committed love must mark the local expression of the body of Christ. By putting spiritual disciplines into practice in the church, congregations can return to the depth of community present in the New Testament church, where they 'devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.'

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It gave me brilliant insights that made me rethink about my attitude about the worship. Not service, but worship. I strongly recommend to those who are interesting in the attitude of the worship.

This book is the best book on what is expecting from a church member, a church and what to do at church. It is the best Biblical based church guideline I have ever read. Easy read and easy to follow. This book will cure the modern churches problems. Get it.

This is a solid book on corporate spirituality, exploring the dynamics of spiritual formation in the church through disciplines such as serving, giving, praying, attending ordinances, hearing the preached word, learning, fellowshiping, etc. Some chapters are better than others (the best chapters are the ones on worship and prayer and the final chapter which gives guidance on how to research a church before joining it), but all are worth reading. The book is sprinkled with some helpful illustrations and great quotations from the Puritan/Reformed tradition. This is a good follow-up to Whitney's more popular book *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*.

great read about why to attend church and listen to biblical preaching get to know wht your opasto is telling you we need to get fed properly.

Fantastic resource on this subject. While I didn't agree on every single detail, I was very impressed with what was presented. A must read!

Fairly basic thoughts on the church, but a good read for the novice on how one should interact within the church.

This is an ideal book for pastors and leaders who are looking for a resource for a new believer's or new member's study at a church. Dr. Whitney continues to challenge and equip biblically. If you have read *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* you will enjoy this work as well.

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