

III. OWN OUR **PROVISION**

Four Reasons To Say Yes **Now** To God's Tithe Challenge

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10

A. To obey **God** (3:10a)

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22

B. To fund the **church** (3:10b)

"and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need." Acts 4:35

C. To show **faith** (3:10c)

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

D. To bless your **life** (3:10d)

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

STEP UP: TAKING YOUR LIFE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Step Up For Church
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INTRODUCTION

A. Are you ready to take your life to the next level in the New Year? Action is required to make that happen, you must step up! Right now there is a lot of advice going around about how to change and improve your life. However, the best source and the only perfect source is found in the Bible.

"Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me." Psalm 119:133

B. In this series you are going to learn from the Bible what you can do to take your life to the next level in six specific areas.

Jan 3	Step Up For God
Jan 10	Step Up For Faith
Jan 17	Step Up For Health
Jan 31	Step Up For Finances
Feb 7	Step Up For Generosity
TODAY	Step Up For Church

Come and hear these messages and discover what actions are needed to take your life to the next level!

C. **TEXT:** Ephesians 5:25 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1149 New Testament)

Do not just be an attender or member at Capital Baptist Church, but be an **owner**.

CHURCH OWNERSHIP PRODUCES AMAZING RESULTS!!

"from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." Ephesians 4:16

HOW TO STEP UP FOR CHURCH

I. OWN OUR **PURPOSE**

Our purpose is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

A. The last **command**

“18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.” Matthew 28:18-20

B. The first **church** (Acts 2:41-47)

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

II. OWN OUR **PROCESS**

A. Habit #1: **Belong**

“Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.” Acts 2:41

- Be **saved**
- Be **baptized**
- Become a church **member**

B. Habit 2: **Connect**

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” Acts 2:42

Participate in a **Growth** Group.

Growth groups are typically 8-12 people who are about the same age and stage of life that meet weekly to connect relationally and grow spiritually.

Usually they start with a “meet and greet” period. There are praises and prayer requests, a Bible study and discussion. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. (You will never be asked to pray out loud or speak unless you’d like to.)

C. Habit #3: **Serve**

“43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.” Acts 2:43-35

Discover your S.H.A.P.E. for ministry:

Spiritual **Gifts**

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experience

D. Habit #4: **Bring**

“...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:47b

- Bring people to **Christ**.
- Bring people to **church**.

E. Habit #5: **Worship**

“46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

47 praising God and having favor with all the people....” Acts 2:46-47a

- Attend a **weekly** Sunday worship service
- Have a **daily** lifestyle of worship.