

## GUIDELINES FOR COMMITTED BODY

Melbourne, Florida

Each coming into the Committed Body should:

1. Accept the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior
2. Follow Him in water baptism
3. Open his life to the fulness of the Spirit
4. Attend the Life-in-the-Spirit seminar (or its equivalent) for basic training
5. Have a personal consultation with an elder or a pastor concerning the purpose and mission of the Tabernacle Church
6. Make a public declaration of the lordship of Jesus Christ
7. Understand this is merely a guideline to relationships and personal behavior, and does not constitute a covenant or legal contract.

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to recognize Jesus Christ as the Son of God, having surrendered my life and possessions to His lordship, having sealed this by baptism, I now believe I am to submit to the visible body as expressed in the church universal and the Tabernacle Church.

I commit myself to an irrevocable relationship with God as my Lord and promise to seek Him with all my heart. I shall never be satisfied in my spiritual quest until I have been conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

I recognize I belong to the Kingdom of God as opposed to the systems of this world; and I vow that Kingdom shall always have preference in my decisions, my behavior, and my life style.

I shall love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I shall view worship as my principle activity and vocation. I will allow the Holy Spirit to fill me and use me in every circumstance of life.

I recognize God is the rightful owner of all I possess. Therefore I will use all my material possessions for His glory. I will follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit and give unselfishly as He directs. I shall return to God, on a regular basis, at least a tithe of my income.

As the temple of the Holy Spirit, I will treat my body with care, honor, and purity. I will exercise regularly, plan constructive times of leisure, and eat and drink only that which will strengthen my body and glorify God.

I will deepen my understanding of God by expanding my knowledge of His creation and studying His works in history. I will allow the Holy Spirit to create through me in my gifted areas. I will freely share my knowledge, gifts, and skills with the Body of Christ.

I will learn of God and His ways through Bible study, daily prayers, and meditation.

I will do all in my power to make my home truly Christian, exemplifying the Spirit of Christ in all my relationships.

With joy I have taken my place in the family of God. I accept my responsibility in the Tabernacle Church by making available my material resources, my home, my job, my skills and abilities, my reputation, my friendships, my family, my time. I will also seek God's ministry for my life and with the elders' blessing give myself to that task.

I will walk in a spirit of forgiveness toward my brothers and sisters. I refuse to harbor malice, anger, resentment, or bitterness toward others. I will not let a day end before I have permitted God to correct any wrong attitude toward another. When I feel I have been wronged, I will take the initiative and seek restoration.

I will faithfully assemble with the believers as I am able, entering into corporate worship with joy. I will commit myself to a small group where I may receive and give personal ministry. I will separate myself from this body only as the Lord directs and with the blessing of the elders.

I will love and obey Christ through my behavior, my influence, my example, and my decisions in every relationship in the world: personal, social, business, political, academic, cultural. I will love my neighbor as myself and look upon each one as better than myself. I will seek first His Kingdom, avoid being ensnared by the standards and values of this world, accept the joyful privilege of witnessing to others, and refrain from anything which would mar the witness of my life and lips.

I will submit myself to the spiritual authority of the elders.

I will seek not so much to be ministered unto, but to minister; not to receive, but to give; not to be helped, but to help; not to be loved, but to love; not to be served, but to serve.

Realizing my own inadequacy, I will earnestly seek the help of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of the church in accomplishment of these purposes, to the glory of God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

## Expectations for Relationships

Seize an empty and turn it into love  
and turn it into humanism & ethics -

Anthropomorphic -

Legislation always leads to death of God

- Feel responsibility of love -
- Not enough "we need a king" -

responsibility of love

Can there be a body that man beyond  
the need to make horizontal contracts and  
high & vertical relationship from horizontal  
relationships so tight will die for one  
another...