

## Responsibility To My Church

Do you want your church to be a part of your lives? If so the fundamental question is: What do you think are your responsibilities to your local church and those who are in need? You can contribute by sharing your resources of time, talent and money. To analyze what you and your future spouse might do for your church, do the exercise below and then discuss the results with your future spouse.

Put a check (X) by those areas of your church you have supported in the past. Put an (-) by those areas you would like to support in the future as a married couple. Put a plus (+) by those areas in which you think your future spouse has the time, talent or means to make a contribution.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tithing a percentage of income to my church
- \_\_\_\_\_ Giving to non-church related charitable causes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Being involved on a parish committee or in a leadership position.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Being a lay minister in my church
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching religious education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visiting the sick
- \_\_\_\_\_ Being a eucharistic minister (Distributing communion)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reading at Mass
- \_\_\_\_\_ Working with the youth of the parish
- \_\_\_\_\_ Serving on a fund-raising project
- \_\_\_\_\_ Being an usher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contributing a set amount to church collections on a regular basis
- \_\_\_\_\_ Being involved in community action programs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donating your time and talent to church related activities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contributing to mission activities on a national or international level
- \_\_\_\_\_ Getting actively involved in a prayer group
- \_\_\_\_\_ Working with the senior citizens of your parish.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Being part of the church choir
- \_\_\_\_\_ Helping do maintenance work within the parish

Discuss the possibilities of how you as an individual and as a couple can contribute to your local church - the people of God - through the use of your talents.