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If every member of the Roanridge Church of Christ were just like me...

- 1. How many Bible classes would the congregation have? [If I never attend any of the Bible classes, then there wouldn't be any, would there?]
- 2. How many gospel meetings would the congregation have? [If I am one of those who never attends the services of a gospel meeting, then there wouldn't be any gospel meetings, would there?]
- 3. How many assemblies would the congregation have? [If I come only on Sunday morning assemblies, that's all the church would have, and if I attend only some of those, the church would not even meet on some Sundays, would it?]
- 4. What would the Sunday contribution be? Would the contributions go up or down? Would the church be able to pay its bills?
- 5. How many prayers would be prayed, how many chapters of the Bible would be read during the week? How many Bible class lessons would be studied?
- 6. How many people would be invited to attend Bible classes or church assemblies?
- 7. Would the church grow, spiritually and numerically, or would it just shrivel up and die?

Editor's Note: This is an excellent review for the beginning of the new year. If every one of us will determine now to do more for the Lord, for His church, and for ourselves, then 2011 will be a great year.

Furthermore, there are still many opportunities available to help the local church -- clean the auditorium, clean the classrooms, prepare the communion, teach various classes, visit the sick, etc. We are to be steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord, 1 Cor. 15:58.

Finally, who will you blame on the judgment day for not having contributed your part, if you never do -- the preacher, the elders, the deacons, the members, your family, or yourself?

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