

# UNPACKING THE WORD

## For JUNE 14, 2020 SERMON

“I am a church member - Part 4”

—Please review I Corinthians 12, 13, and 14—  
Main Reference - Ephesians 4:4-6; 11-16

Dear members and friends:

Thom Rainer’s third chapter is *I Will Not Let My Church Be About My Preferences or Desires*. He lists ten things that healthy churches need to avoid. (All of these are included in the message. If you like, simply click and watch on this site for free).

This “vice” list serves as the antithesis of the sermon. The thesis of the sermon is that healthy churches can remain healthy as members:

1. Are saved. Have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and no one else.

2. Are in the RIGHT church for them - Holy Spirit directed.
3. Stay in their LANE to aid the church in fulfilling it's Mission and Vision.

I close with illustrations from J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*. I hope you get an moment to watch the video. Have a GREAT week!  
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