

## “I Will Move from ‘I Am’ to ‘I Will’” Phil. 2:1-5

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Our theme for this school year has been “Prepare for Battle: Believe – Pray – Act”  
The next 8 weeks – “I Will – Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian”  
Today, we will look to moving from ‘I am’ to ‘I will!’

### **Introduction:** Our Attitude about Our Church

- a. Are you filled with joy and gratitude because of your church membership?
  - b. We recognize that no church is perfect
  - c. We acknowledge that no pastor or church staff member is perfect
  - d. But we serve anyway
- But, it is to go beyond that...

### **Sermon Text:**

*“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...” (Phil 2:1-5)*

### **Bylaws of Mount Olive Lutheran Church – Anoka, Minnesota**

A member will...

Attend worship services faithfully and regularly.

Lead a Christian life.

Contribute, as God has blessed them, of their time, talents and treasure.

Partake of the Lord’s Supper regularly.

Participate in continuing education. Provide for the Christian training of their children in the home, and by making use of the educational opportunities of the congregation.

Also implied...

### **I Am a Unifying Church Member**

Acceptance of one another in love

### **I Am a Sacrificial Church Member**

We are to have the attitude of Christ (Phil 2:5-8). Explain the sacrifice of Christ...

### **I Am a Prayerful Church Member**

### **I Am a Joyful Church Member**

Grumpy Church Member vs. Joyful Church Member

Phil. 4:4 – “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”

## **VII. Conclusion – Time to Move from “I Am” to “I Will”**

“Would you say your commitment to your church is more or less today than it was 5 years ago?”

It’s time to make a move

Wilson McMahon, a lay minister in Georgia writes, “The Christian sees through kinder eyes-like Jesus. He gives from a bigger heart-like God. He speaks with a purer tongue-like Christ. He serves with more willing hands-like Jesus. He walks with a greater faith-like his Lord. He thinks with a spiritual mind-like Christ. He sees the needs of others with a compassionate view-like Jesus. He heals the wounds of others with love-like the Master. The Christian is different because Jesus rules his life.”