

Normal commitments of everyday Christians

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Key word: I _____

TWO - To educate believers to understand a normal Christian commitment to a local church

Key word: C _____

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