

What Makes For A Healthy Church

1 Thessalonians 5:12–28 (NIV) — (12) Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. (13) Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. (14) And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. (15) Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. (16) Be joyful always; (17) pray continually; (18) give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. (19) Do not put out the Spirit’s fire; (20) do not treat prophecies with contempt. (21) Test everything. Hold on to the good. (22) Avoid every kind of evil. (23) May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (24) The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. (25) Brothers, pray for us. (26) Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. (27) I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. (28) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I) **A Healthy Church Respects Its Leadership:**

II) **A Healthy Church Values Relationships:**

III) **A Healthy Church Focuses On Reaching People For Christ**

IV) **A Healthy Church Focuses On Teaching People In Christ**

V) **God's Prescription To Be A Healthy Church**

1 John 4:1 (NIV) — (1) Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

VI) **God Gives Us Power To Be A Healthy Church**

Philippians 2:12–13 (NIV) — (12) Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, (13) for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

VII) **God's Promise Are Sure So We Should Be A Healthy Church**

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV) — (23) May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

VIII) **God's Presence Works Through His People To Create A Healthy Church**

1 Thessalonians 5:25–28 (NIV) — (25) Brothers, pray for us. (26) Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. (27) I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. (28) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.