

# 10 Characteristics of a Healthy Church



## 5 Key Commitments

**Clear and Inspiring Vision** // Vision allows the church to see clearly what God wants it to be and do, so that the Body of Christ may be unified as it gives witness to God's new creation in its community.

**Mobilizing Leadership** // Leaders are those who understand and embody the vision, who communicate that vision clearly to the congregation, and who organize the body so the vision becomes reality.

**Motivated Ministering Body** // The members of the church work in unity, using their gifts to serve their congregation and the community.

**Proper Stewardship of Resources** // The church effectively challenges its members to be good stewards of their possessions, resources and goods (time, talent, and treasure). It uses these resources and financial donations to carry out the work of the Kingdom of God in the church and in its community.

**Integration of Text and Context** // The church understands its context (the cultural, religious, economic, geographical, and social aspects) and knows how to communicate God's Word in ways that make sense to the hearers. While the message of the gospel does not change, the methods for sharing it can change.

## 5 Key Functions

**Compelling Witness** // The Church announces the good news of Jesus Christ in word and in deed and invites people to be part of the Kingdom of God.

**Comprehensive Discipleship** // The Church helps people to see Jesus clearly and to know His will for their lives. It equips them to follow Him in all aspects of life.

**Caring and Welcoming Community** // Members help each other with their burdens, thus showing the love and compassion of Christ.

**Compassionate Service** // The Church meets the people's needs in the name of Christ and invites them to be His disciples.

**Dynamic Worship and Prayer** // The church gathers as the family of God with the triune God in worship, confession, and gratitude, as well as dedicating themselves to service and prayer.

Take Your Church's Pulse by Tim Koster and John Wagenveld (2014). Download the book or use the survey tool at [www.MultiplicationNetwork.org](http://www.MultiplicationNetwork.org).



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